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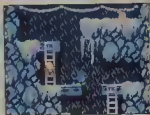
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EDITOR JULIAN RIGNALL Jaz has had one heck of a busy month, what with dividing his time between C+VG's latest Complete Guide To Consoles and our new offspring, Mean Machines. Just to prove what a cool dude he is, he still finds enough energy to blast a few glans or even play a little Rick O' R.

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ASSOCIATE EDITOR PAUL 'BRAINS' GLANCEY

Paul's been hard at it
this month (globe),
but still came away
from it all with a smile
and a good word for
all. What a gent! What
a guy! What a
(Enough stalling at
ready!) PG

STAFF WRITER EDGERT AN SE- NAL SWAN

C+VG's mustache-
maniac has been
going totally berserk
this month, what with
the start of the foot-
ball season and all.
I'm not mad, says he.
"I've got my golden
flash." Okay, Rob, it's
back in the padded
cell for you.

STAFF WRITER 'RAVING' RICHARD LEADBETTER

Another new face at
C+VG, Richard hails
from deepest With-
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fullic, he describes
his hobbies as "hang-
ing tough" and "cut-
ting loose." Strange
bloke. He should fit in
just right!



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THE RATINGS

When a game is reviewed, we give ratings for five different criteria:

GRAPHICS

Does the game look good? Is the scrolling smooth? Are the sprites flickery? Is the animation realistic? This mark covers all visual aspects of the game.

SOUND

Sound and music that enhance a game are given high marks. The sound rating is low if the soundtrack or effects are inappropriate.

VALUE

Here, we take into consideration the price of the game, the amount of entertainment it offers, and the quality of the packaging. In other words, is it worth the money?

PLAYABILITY

This tells you how addictive and enjoyable the game is. The higher the rating is, the more playable the game is.

OVERALL

The most important rating of all. This is what we think of the game as a whole, taking into consideration all the other ratings. In short, how good the game really is.

THE MARKS

85+

A C+VG HIT! An outstanding game that shouldn't be missed.

70-85

A very good game that lives up to a higher accolade due to minor discrepancies. Should definitely be tried, though.

55-69

Average to fairly good. Could still appeal to fans of the genre.

40-55

Below average to average. Generally a disappointment.

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Generally a poor game that mightn't even appeal to the most ardent fans.

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Ugh! Biminy sawage that's guaranteed to make your computer throw up.

THE REVIEWERS

JULIAN RIGNALL

C+VG's arcade player who lives for coin-op conversions, shoot 'em ups and arcade adventures.

PAUL GLANCEY

He loves games requiring brains, but doesn't mind the odd blaster.

ROBERT SWAN

He's easy to please and will play anything, but loves a good flight sim.

RICHARD

LEADBETTER

C+VG's new kid on the block, he's "the right stuff" for most games, but prefers to "hang tough" with a good beat 'em up.



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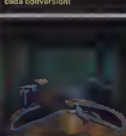
VROOM! At last, the smash Sega clone burns its way onto the Megadrive, and it's the best!

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Gore biminy! Entrails-a-go-go with this brilliant PC Engine arcade conversion!



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CES SHOW TIME!

What's Jonathan Woes got to do with the gweatest computer show to ever hit our fair and lovely shores? Well, it just so happens that the weelly witty chat show host is going to be just one of the star guests that'll be appealing at the European Computer Entertainment



ment Show at the Earl's Court Exhibition Centre on the 15th and 16th of September - none of this Adam Faith or Tessa Sanderson rubbish here! But that's not all. In what promises to be THE show of the decade, you'll be able to 'rub shoulders' with the likes of Eather 'unless you know better' Rantzen, KISS FM BBC Newsround Frank 'HP' Bruno - and even Radio 1 who are going to be taping a show there!

If you've ever wanted to meet the C+VG crew, now's your chance. We'll be at the show every day, and we'll even be hosting the World Computer

Game Championships. Teams from Japan, France, Italy and of course, the United Kingdom will be present in what promises to be the gweatest challenge since King Kong vs Godzillal.

But we're not alone. Our mates from The One will be hosting a live "Work in Progress" in conjunction with the boys from Bullfrog, where you'll be able to see the humble beginnings of their latest classic - Powermonger. ACE will be giving you a sneak glimpse of the Living Room of the Future and all the associated gadgetry, and Sinclair User will be running their

annual Hyper Card competition - it could be you walking away with some totally brilliant Sony gear! Check out the CU stand as well. They'll be showing off some cool Amiga demos and animations!

All this and more for only a measly fiveer! Make sure you make in the 15th and 16th of September in your diary, 'cos that's when the show's going to be open to the general public. For every entrance fee taken, a donation will be made to Childline - so that's just one more good reason to honour us with your presence! See you there!

Last month we heard that NEC had taken the shock decision NOT to sell their rip-roaring console to us would-be European Engineers! Well, the good news is that NEC WILL be releasing it - but not until around Spring-time, 1991! Arrggghhh!

Not to worry though, because an Austrian firm - Digital Image Systems - has stepped in, bought the European marketing license and will be organis-

UK PC ENGINE IS

ing sales of the EPE (European PC Engine) until NEC take over! Hurrah! As well as the console, DIS will be bringing out 50 of the latest and greatest Engine titles (including PC Kid, Gunbad and Klax), the CD ROM player, AV booster, super joystick and five player adaptors. All will have English packaging and instructions, and DIS are offering a telephone help-line service for anyone who has problems with their

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machine.

The only fly in the ointment is that all these new goodies won't be compatible with the imported Japanese gear.

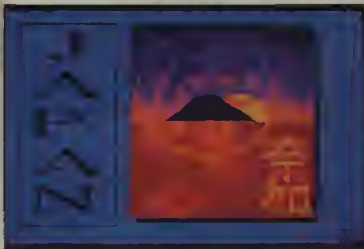
At time of writing, prices have yet to be fixed, but DIS expect to have the machine on sale in High Street shops from October, priced at between £160 and £170, with software selling for £25 upwards.



ART FOR ART'S SAKE

Quite a lot of ST artists (our Rob included) have been grumbling for some time about not having a version of Electronic Arts' excellent Deluxe Paint for their machine. Well, grouch no more, because from late September, Deluxe Paint ST will be out and about, with the introductory price of £49.99. Featuring stacks and stacks of tools already available to Amiga and PC users, the

ST version also features an extended palette for STE users, 9 different drawing modes, complex animation (999 animation buffers, each capable of holding 999 frames of animation!) and loads of other wonderful things, it looks like Deluxe Paint ST should be definitely the one to get hold of. Just as an example of what it can do, take a glance at the pic



LUCASFILM INDY FOLLOW UP

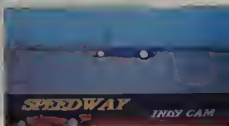
Although arcade action may be more our scene here at C+VG, we love to have our brains teased now and again - and Lucasfilm's Indy Adventure fits the bill quite nicely! That being the case, we were more than interested in some of their new games that US Gold have licensed.

The Secret of Monkey Island looks

like just the ticket for adventuring types. Featuring a superior mouse-driven interface, the general objective involves living out the life of a swash-buckling hero type, searching for the lost secret of Monkey Island and generally picking up a whole stash of treasure on the way. Lucasfilm are also promising 'lethal one-liners' and 'hilarious

INDY NEWS

All you Amiga-owning race freaks had better get yourselves strapped in, because Electronic Arts are bringing the Indianapolis 500 your way. This corking 3D racer had jaws dropping all over the place when released on the PC, and the Amiga version is now having its final pit checks before being given the chequered flag. We had a look at an unfinished version, and believe us, it's one red-hot bit o' stuff. Featuring multiple camera viewpoints, three levels of racing, pitstops and the opportunity for plenty of multiple pit-ups (yeah, this is what we want!) Indianapolis 500 will be burning up the roads in October for the sum of £24.99.



ous rapartee' - sounds like a riot, doesn't it?

Look out also for the follow-up to Their Finest Hour - The Battle of Britain because in Secret Weapons of the Luftwaffe you can get your hands on all manner of experimental German planes. Both games will be taking PC owners by storm very soon, and other 16 bit versions seem a certainty.

BOOOM! MY WHEELS ARE ON FIRE!

Those jolly japers at Domark are getting ready to unleash two compilations on an unsuspecting public. The first, called TNT, consists of five of their top TenGen conversions - Hard Drivin', Toobin', APB, Dragon Spirit and Xybots - and it should be blasting your way during September, and ST versions priced at a \$29.99 and Amstrad, C64

trum tapes for a relatively piddling £14.99. The second, entitled *Where of Fire*, is a bundle of four top racers from last Christmas, namely *Power Drift*, *Chase HQ*, *Hard Drivin'* (again) and *Turbo OutRun*. This package should retail for the same prices as the first, but will be out and about in Oc-

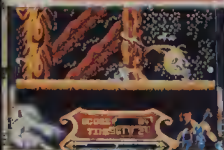
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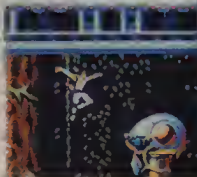
Now that Virgin's official UK Megadrive is out and about, you'll no doubt be after some kind of cartridge converter to enable Japanese Megadrive cartridges to run on a UK machine (or vice versa). Well the enterprising lads at Medallion are the first to come up with

such a widget, which they are hoping to sell for between £20 and £25 a worthy investment if ever you've seen one! Medicnic are also offering Nintendo disk drives and keyboards, opening up a whole new supply of games (Afterburner, for one). If you're an interested console owner - and by jove you should be - give Medicnic a bell on (0455) 291885.



CAPCOM GRAB US GOLD'S BOARDS

Now here's a lunny turn of events. Remember Sinder, US Gold's conversion of the Capcom coin-op? Well, at this moment, Tiertex (who did the original) are currently working on their own sequel, imaginatively titled Sinder II. Thing is, Capcom were so impressed with the eldoryboards for the computer game, they decided to use them for the arcade machine! Sinder II will be out in November for the Amiga, ST, PC, C64, Spectrum and Amstrad, with the coin-op appearing in an arcade near you sometime closer to Christmas.





AND NOW... THE C64 CONSOLE

After much speculation, Commodore have finally leapt onto the console bandwagon, and have finally announced the imminent release of their first games system. Based on the C64, the C64GS will come with a joystick and a fun packed, four-game cartridge featuring Klax, Frenshy Freddy's Big Top o'Fun, Flimbo's Quest and the ultra-crumbly International Soccer, all for £99.99.

The selling potential of yet another 8-bit console, especially a comparatively low tech one, is, we think, uncertain, especially with Megadrives and PC Engines becoming so widely available, but we'll be interested to see how this

CABINET CRAZINESS

Making a Spectrum look like an arcade machine is no mean feat these days, but Spectrosoft's new Pro-Arcade Cabinet just about manages it. Your computer, be it Amiga, Spectrum, or console can be placed on a slide away shelf within the cabinet and connected up to its arcade quality joysticks for that ultimate coin op look and feel. If you don't want to plug in your computer, there's also a JAMMA compatible version which allows you to plug in and play JAMMA (a sort of coin op standard) arcade boards! Phew! Prices range from £159.95 to £299.95, but for more info, Spectrosoft can be reached on 0831 469 293.

If that's not good enough for you, Advanced Modular Joysticks can build you a cabinet that will plug into any computer or arcade board (not just JAMMA-compatible ones). The AMJ



and Ametrad's GX 4000 (featured last issue) are.

You can see what the console looks like from the picture, but we have it on good authority that the machine shown is actually made of... wait for it... balsa wood. Maybe Commodore are branching into new areas? Or could they be barking up the wrong tree? Leaf it out...

Arcade Console has a variety of interfaces, incorporates two joystick ports (equivalent to four joysticks and 6 fire buttons), supports dedicated arcade controllers (trackballs, paddles and even steering wheels) and can also be connected via a SCART lead up to your computer or console! Flippin' heck! Just think you could be playing Megadrive Super Monaco GP with the real controls!

Prices vary because each unit is custom-made, according to what kinds of interfaces and controllers you want, but a basic unit with a JAMMA interface, JAMMA power supply and control panel costs £99.99. Now we've got you screaming and dribbling and reaching for your wallets, AMJ can be reached on 0202 694970 (and tell them we sent you).

ADIOS ACTIVISION?

Just as this issue of C+VG closed, we heard some rather nasty news about industry giant, Activision, responsible for the likes of Power Drib, Galaxy Force and Altered Beast. It seems that the American parent company has been making significant losses over the past year, so they decided to cut back the UK operation to save money. Though some new product will be developed in Britain, it will be restricted to games with a "global appeal".

The good news is that the tide of events will in no way endanger an Activision/Hewson distribution deal which will still see Activision distributing Parado 90, Nebulus 2 and Rubicon.

Also, some of Activision's major licensed wares (namely Alamo Robokid and Dragon Breed) will still be appearing on the shelves. However, doubt still lingers over two potential blockbusters - R-Type 2 and Stephen Hendry's Snooker (programmed by In-



ternational Karate codar, Archer Maclean). We've had a sneak preview of the latter and have to say that it'd be a damn shame if this awesome 3D simulation never sees the light of day.



CONTRIVER'S GOT A LOT OF BALLS

Trackballs, that is. You know, those things which resemble upside-down mice. Well, these Contriver people have announced the imminent release of its snazzy new Contrack controller, initially for the PC, with ST and Amiga models available at any time now, for a total of £34.95. Now that may sound like a rather hefty wad of wonga, but when you consider that this little beast has a button lock, a ball lock (soff) for transportation purposes, and is guaranteed for 1000 miles of continuous use, then it certainly seems like ruddy good value for money. If you're interested in laying your hands on one of these, Contriver can be reached at 0280 822803.



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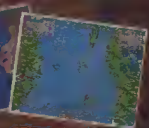


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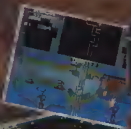
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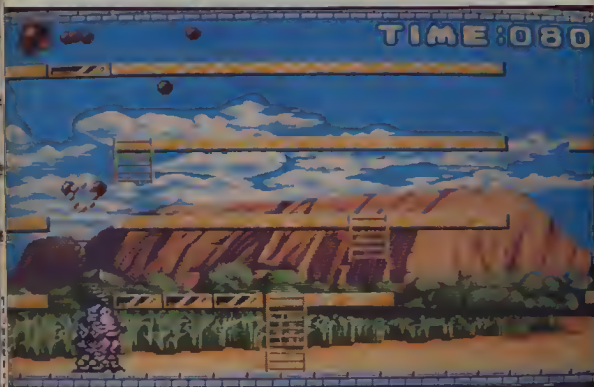
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REVIEW

► **AMIGA**

PANG



BY OCEAN

Bubbles! Who'd ever thought that they could be such a pain, eh? Well, they are in this game, so the only thing to do is go out and burst 'em! And so the scene is set for Peng, a conversation of the recent and totally hilarious Mitchell coin-op.

You (and a friend, if you're playing in dual-player mode) are cast in the role of globe-trotting bubble-busters, and, armed with a harpoon gun, you must blast the bubbles before they bounce into you. Sounds like a piece of cake, yes? Well, you can forget that for a start, because once one bubble is hit, it splits into two smaller bubbles, each of which splits again, and again!

When certain bubbles are hit, however, they drop power-ups like ray guns and dynamite, which bursts every bubble on screen at once, as well as shields and timers, which stop the bubbles dead in their tracks, giving you time to blow 'em away.

Once you've cleared a screen, it's on to the next in a different part of the world, with more obstacles, monsters and, yes, even more bubbles!



UPDATE

Peng will be bubbling up on the ST any day now, and should be just as good as the Amiga version, save for a few colour and sound differences. No news of any 8 bit versions as yet, but if anything comes up, you'll be the first to know.

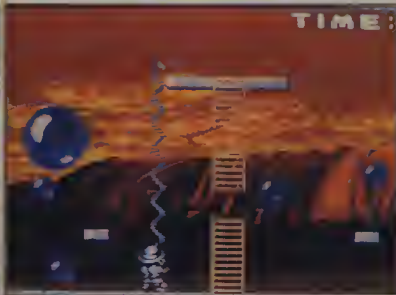
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This is one of the C+VG team's favourite coin-ops, and to say we were over the moon to hear of Ocean laying their hands on the license is something of an understatement. Now Peng is here, I can safely say without fear of error or contradiction that this isn't just a conversion - this is the coin-op! Both the graphics and sound match the arcade machine pixel for pixel, with bright, crisp, colourful sprites and exquisitely drawn backdrops. The whizzy, poppy sound effects are spot on too, and the title music (which sounds like a remix of Puff the Magic Dragon) sets the mood perfectly. These combine with the horribly addictive gameplay to make Peng a really brilliant game. Grab it at the first opportunity, and prepare to stay up till the wee small hours.

ROBERT SWAN

GRAPHICS	94%
SOUND	92%
VALUE	96%
PLAYABILITY	97%
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CROPS CRAP

Dear YOB,
Following the letter sent by James Lynch in ish 103, I have made a Crops game! There's the plot. The Crops have been summoned to a planet. Why? Here you cry, well because the top bosses of the united federation of planets have been kidnapped, so grab your trusty lead pumping gun and start killing! It is a one player game where you take the role of Sgt J Knibly. Let me take you through the levels
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with a large cannon. Enemies are the other FAVs, tanks and helicopters. The boss is a big chopper (harr harr).
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A Psychotic Chicken, Cheshire

YOB: Look, Psych, I know English is a foreign language to a domestic fowl like you but, for crying out loud, get the farmer to buy you a spelling dictionary before you write again. Alternatively, I can offer you my own twenty year (that's human years, not chicken years) correspondence course, entitled How To Write (On Walls) For Fun And Profit. To you, only £4.99 (inc VAT) or two dozen eggs.

COOL YOB GETS FAN

Dear YOB,
I think you are the coolest YOB on this Earth and I worship your style and class. So I think the coolest on Earth could answer some questions for his greatest fan, please
1. Will English PC Engine games work on a Japanese PC Engine?
2. What is the best PC Engine or Megadrive?
3. What football team do you support?
Ben Clark, London.

PS I think you will be pleased to know that my girlfriend is a yobette.

YOB: Firstly, Benny-baby, NEC have postponed their plans to launch a British PC Engine, BUT! before you commit Harl-Kiri, there is some good news for Engine fans in the news pages of this very issue which should answer your question! There's no straight answer to your second query. Both the PC Engine and the Megadrive have excellent range of excellent games software so it's just a case of going for the machine that supports the games you want to play. Technically the Megadrive is superior, but it is the more expansive machine, and the games usually cost a tenner more, too. Finally, I have to say I don't support any football

team (soccer's a sport for nancies anyway - give me Australian "No-Rules" Football any day), however I do find the commentator very entertaining, and Jimmy Greaves is undoubtedly my favourite.

MYSTERIES OF THE MAD MONK

Dear YOB,
Or can I call you YOB? I own an Amstrad and I would like to ask you a few questions.

1. Who was the drummer with The Shadows?
2. What is the capital of Peru?
3. Who wrote War and Peace?

Yours reverently,
Raspunkin, Sanction, East Yorkshire.

YOB: Ha! So - you think you can outwit the Yob with your crazy, deceased, Russian monk's questions? Well, I'm wise to your little game! Bryan Ben-

natt was drummer with the Shads, Lima (population 1,716,000) is the capital of Peru, and Count Leo Nikolayevich Tolstoy (1828-1910) wrote War and Peace. Yob's Matbag - entertaining and educational. I should be on a government grant or something shouldn't I?

KITCHEN FLOOR TRAGEDY

Dear YOB,
I think your mag is smart and was horrified when my sister wiped up something the dog had done on the kitchen floor. S Beaumont, South Humber-side

YOB: I should blummin' well think so! Sand your elter and the dog around to the office or me and the boys can do horrible things with them then publish the pictures next month.

SOMETHING FROM THE BOTTOM

Dear YOB,
Dear a word from the bottom of the world. That's right - Australia (oh, when you said bottom I thought you meant something else - YOB). Ma and some of me mates are getting peed off with some of you poms. Every second letter is pretty 'loose'. All whingeing about one thing or another. What happened to your so called 'stir' upper lip eh, what? It's or is it that just creeped to us by your bald shows like EastEnders. You think Neighbours is bad! If you want to hear a hard luck story, listen to this. We don't get your bonza mag for three months! Three months late, what a BUMMER! Four X's (I don't mean our baer either). Just one more thing When will a light phaser be

available for the C64?
Schran, Picton, Australia
YOB: Now what disturbs me about Schran's letter, readers, is that Eastenders is giving foreign viewers the WRONG impression about us Brits. Honestly, we're not all depressed and depraved (well, depraved maybe) are we? Nor are we bald. In fact, most of us are dead happy for quite a lot of the time. I mean, is it any wonder that we have economic problems when foreigners are given the impression that we're all autistic no-hopers who spend all day bad-mouthing people in the pub or selling fruit on the street. I mean

REALLY! Um... Sorry, Schran, I seem to have wandered a bit. Mastertronic's light phaser is already available for the C64 in the UK, so maybe if you wait three months it'll be available in shops all over the world's bottom.

COMPLAINING COLIN

Dear YOB,
I have been reading C+VG for several years now and tell that I had to write to give my views on how the mag has changed over the course of time.

I welcome sections such as the improved Playmasters and new sections such as the Highscores, they have been a big plus to the mag. However, there hasn't been that much else new to rave on about. Small changes such as in the reviewing system have hardly been noticed at all. Instead what sticks out in my mind, I'm afraid, are the negative things that have happened to C+VG.

I remember the days when there were 180+ pages and reviews are more than a few paragraphs long. Nowadays because of the increase in the size of the text and the extra large screen shots, the reviews are barely worth reading. Looking back at old issues I see two reviews on one page, with just as many smaller screen shots and more text than some of your double pages spreads. Although all reviews are now in colour, what's the point when the reviews aren't

worth reading anyway? Current reviews give little detail, only telling the bare outline of the game, the text and screen shots should be reduced in size - smaller screen shots are just as clear and easy to see. This would allow more detailed reviews to be written and more screen shots if required. Lately, your arcade section seems to have missed out a lot of arcade games when they have been released, one such game is Air Buster - a superb shoot 'em up which I don't recall you ever mentioning.

Also looking back at old issues I see a list of features in every mag, nowadays there are much fewer and they are far between. Sections such as Mr T's Hot Gossip have been easily missed and have had no replacements. There are many other items I would like to mention but I'd be writing for hours and I think I've already made my point. I have friends that laugh at your mag and cannot believe that it once used to be a good read. The only reason I still buy it is to check up on my highscores.

C+VG used to be a great

mag, but it has severely declined over the years into something that you can sometimes look through in ten minutes then put away in the cupboard never to be read again. "Britain's Best Selling Computer Magazine" at one time sat proudly at the top of the top of every issue. I haven't seen that displayed for some time. I hate slapping the mag off because I remember how it used to be and I hope you print this letter to see what reaction it brings from other readers.

Colin Tracey, Colchester.
PS I have doubts over the validity of a few of the Amiga highscores. Belman - The Movie and Robocop come to mind. Perhaps the scorers could write in and say how they achieved them. In detail YOB: Well, everyone's entitled to their opinion, and we value those of all our readers (even yours, Col) which is why we conduct a reader survey every year (in fact there's a questionnaire in this very issue). The changes made over the past year have been in keeping with the outcome of last year's poll and I'm afraid if you don't like

them, then you're currently in the minority. But there are some changes on the cards so your comments have been noted and we look forward to seeing what the rest of the readers think. Let me put you straight on a couple of points, though. Every six months, an independent body called the Audit Bureau of Circulation works out how many issues each magazine sells and the latest figure proves that C+VG is still Britain's biggest-selling computer games mag. The only reason we don't still have that stamped across the top of the cover is that we think it's more important to inform readers what's in the mag, rather than going on about how popular we are. It's also interesting that you bring up the point of high score validity as one of your latest high scores (for Rainbow Islands) has been confirmed as impossible by the programme at Graftgold. Perhaps you could write in and say how you achieved it - in detail?



AMIGA OR SPECTRUM?

Dear YOB,
I'm considering purchasing an Amiga 500 Flight of Fantasy pack but my Dad wants me to get a Spectrum 128K +2 or a C64 because the games are cheaper. Please, please answer and put him straight.

Andrew McNis, Dorset.
YOB: Dear Andrew's Dad, look, I know times are hard, but don't you think it's worth the £400 to keep your whingeing son quiet?

ANDY CRACKS

Dear YOB,
I love reading your mailbag every month because it's really funny, especially some of your replies. For example, in ish 105 you said about your parents 'not handicapping you with a name like Chris Griffiths' - that cracked me up. Anyway - to the point. I would just like to know what you thought of all these games for the C64.
Wizball, Great Gienne Sisters, Hawkeye, Into the Eagle's Nest.
These are some of my faves from the squillions of games we have got. I thought TI Dizzy was crap for the 64, did you?

Please print my letter YOB!
Andrew Vause, Wellingborough, Northants.

YOB: Well, as long as you're the only person who will admit to laughing at my jokes, I suppose I have to print your letter. Andrew! Andrew Vause, folks - a man of taste! All those games you mentioned are beaser, topper, boss, captain, skilt and gear, but Gienne Sisters were withdrawn just after it went on sale (it was a bit too similar to Nintendo's Super Mario Brothers), so you might have trouble getting hold of it these days.

NO MORE SPECTRUMS?

Dear YOB,
I have recently heard that Spectrum computers are to be gradually phased out. Is this true? Does this mean that all of my games will no longer be of any use?
Mark Pearce, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
YOB: I've conferred with experts on this subject, Mark, and I can confirm that your Spectrum software will not, repeat, NOT, be useless as long as you have a Spectrum. And even if you sell your Spectrum or it gets kidnapped by terrorists or something, you can always use the cassettes to prop up a wobbly table or build an attractive model of the Taj Mahal (you'd have to paint them white for the full effect, though).

CRISP GASES REVEALED

Dear YOB,
I've just had the most stupendous, marvellous idea for a game. Brace yourself. Pro Sunbathing Simulator! Cool as hell or what? It's a strategy game and the idea is to get as good a sunbather as possible in a time limit! You have to take into account wind chill, temperatures, and work out what sun factor oil you have to use.
Here's the good bit: once you've got your oil, you have to go to the beach and get the tan! But you get hassled by crabs and little kiddies with sunhats. To get rid of them they have to be blasted with suntan cream. To go onto the next level you have to reach a certain shade, so you can get a modeling contract, earn money and buy more suntan oil!
Graz! fun, I'll wager! So how about a software company making this (I had Codemasters in mind)?
Gareth Williams, Gwent.
PS Are you dull or what? There's no air in bags of crisps, they're packed in nitrogen.
YOB: How come all you amateur games designers seem to have Code Masters in mind as the perfect company to program and market your "product"? I mean are you taking the Mick or something?

LETTER FROM MUTHA

Dear Turd,
Now let me get this straight. You are just a big wimp and you know it. You think that doodle of you on your mailbag page makes you look hard eh? Well it doesn't! You look like a skinny prat with oversized Doc Martens that have sharpened carrots stuck to them! Keep a lower profile, Cecil (yeah, that's your real name!) or my pea shooter might blow your brain cell to Neptune's second moon. One hell of a mean mutha, Oagham, Essex.
YOB: Mum, how many times do I have to tell you never to write to me at the office? How why don't you calm down and I'll come to see you at the institution this weekend, all right?

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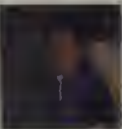


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PLAYMASTERS

Here's yet another bumper harvest of blinkin' red-hot, radically groovy cheats and tips, including the solution to the rest of Vengeance on the C64, a buncha hints for the Sega, Nintendo and Lynx, and a lurvy Ghoul n' Ghosts map! If you've got a map, hint, tip or POKE and want to get your name in print, and possibly win yourself a stack of software, why delay? Send it in to PLAYMASTERS, C-VG, 30-32 FARRINGTON LANE, LONDON, EC1R 3AU. Top tipster of the month gets



150.00 of software for their efforts and this month it's Vengeance, Andrew Kyprion, at Westcliff on Sea who gets the stuff.



ALL FORMATS CASTLE MASTER

A full guide to key-location here, from Jay Gibson of Herlow in Essex. Te, Jey!

KEY TO DOOR ON THE FOURTH FLOOR

Once in the courtyard, go to the Hay Barn. Kill the spirit, turn right and look behind the hay, and voila, the key will be on the floor.

GRANARY CHEST KEY

Stand on the drawbridge and close it. You will find yourself on top of the church, the key before you.

LIBRARY KEY

Go to the well and click down the hole.

BARRACKS KEY

Go to the stables, and open the door where the horse is. Crawl under it and click in the hole.



IGOR'S ROOM KEY

Go to the kitchen and walk to the table. Turn around (facing the door), and lo and behold, there will be the key. (Note: if you go into the fireplace, you will appear in the larder, with lots of food. Also, there is a message under the kitchen table.)

IGOR'S CHAMBER

Enter and kill Igor. Open the chest, take the treasure, and there will be an unmarked key.

STAIRWELL KEY

Once the unmarked key is in

your possession, push the first button, but don't go through the first door (leading to the stairwell), but take the other until you reach the vault vestibule, which has the stairwell key. Now return to the other door.

AMIGA NEW ZEALAND STORY

Christopher Williams of Hes-

lemere in Surrey has sent in this nifty back door to jump from level 2-1 to 3-4. Get a balloon, and find the captive kwi. Go up the stairs which lead to a small room with 2 green fruit in it. Go over to the left of the room, where there are 2 small steps. Jump on the first one, and fire to the right. A warp should appear which will hurl you to level 3-4! Amazing, eh?

C64

VENDETTA

After the first two levels test time round, here's the rest of the solution for System 3's slonker, again courtesy of Andrew Kyprion of Westcliff on Sea.

LEVEL 3 - THE ARMY BASE

Select the machine gun, and kill the guard. Kick down the door, and enter. Kill the guard, and get the handgun from the desk at the front of the screen (it's on the left of the chair). Get the map from the filing cabinet in the corner, and get the book from

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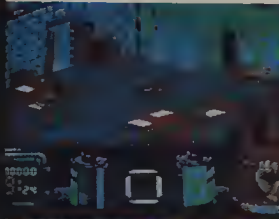
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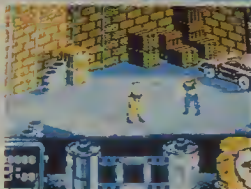
the disk drive (funny place to keep a book, but there you go). Leave the room, kill the guard, and go right. Kill another guard, enter the next screen, kill yet another guard (in the sand-bag pit). Go onto the next screen, kill the guard, climb up and get the ammo (optional). Go left, dispose of yet another guard, kick down the door and get some ammo from the pink room. Exit, and move on to the next screen. (Altogether now!) Kill the guard, enter the building on the right, kill another guy, and get the shoe (which is on the pillow). Leave, and go left. Select the key, face down and left, go to pick-up mode and open the door.

LEVEL 4 - MORE HARD DRIVIN'

Follow level 2's instructions from last month.

LEVEL 5 - THE AIRPORT

Kill the guard, kick down the door and enter the room. Get the disguise from the filing cabinet, and the bullet-proof vest from the middle locker on the left-hand wall. Leave the room, and go to the hangar. Go through one screen, and replenish the ammo from the brown box. Go through 3 more rooms, go up the stairs, kill one guard, and make your way to the plane's cockpit. Kill another guard, and get the map from in-between the



two lockers. Select wire-cutters, and kneel down behind the girl (O! Stop that). A picture of the bomb should appear. Cut the wires in this order:

- 1) MIDDLE/RED
- 2) LEFT/YELLOW
- 3) RIGHT/BLUE

LEVEL 6 - EVEN MORE ROAD BLASTING

Again, the same as levels 2 and 4.

LEVEL 7 - CENTRAL PARK

Go through all the screens, killing the guards as you go. Once that's accomplished, return to the water fountain. You should see a man lying on the ground. Walk to his left hand, face out of the screen and kneel down. He will now stand up, you will have rescued your brother

and hand fighting with David. Just before you go, start shooting. Keep firing, and when you come back to life, you should have 9999 health points! This may immobilise you for a moment or two, but fire at regular intervals to see if you can move again.

SPECTRUM CYBERBALL

Oliver Gutridge of Havant, Hants, doesn't know if this is a cheat or not, but when receiving the ball after a salary, don't run forwards, but into your own endzone and wait until tackled. Once you've chosen your play you should find yourself three quarters of the way up the field.

AMSTRAD P47

If you're having problems with P-47 (try typing ZEBE-DEE on the high score table for infinite lives. Thanks to an anonymous reader from Dorchester for that little cheat.

INDIANA JONES III

If you're having a bit of a problem with US Gold's rather tricky platform caper, Jason Henry from Selkirk in Scotland has thrown a couple of little tips our way. Press SHIFT + 1 to take you back to the start of a level, SHIFT

and completed the game! YIPPEE!

And just to make life that little bit easier, Tony Jeffrey from Royston has sent in this little wonder: press down SHIFT LOCK, and press down all the keys on the right of the keyboard. This should make you skip levels, and you don't have to worry about collecting the items, as you get them automatically! Phwoar!

Well, if you can't finish it now, then you might as well either go and watch Home and Away, or stick your head in a bucket of cold porridge! Get to it!

GAUNTLET

Stephen Worthy of Esher in Surrey has sent in this handy tip for loads of health in two-player mode. When your player is almost dead, start

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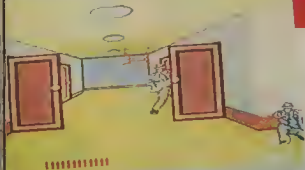


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+ 2 to get to the next reset point (where you start if you lose a life), and SHIFT + 3 to jump to the next level. Cheers, Jase, and all that!

SEGA

DEAD ANGLE

Carlo Iacolino from Australia is obviously a guy in the know, and he's sent in a bundle of tips for Sega's gangster shoot.

ROUND 1 (NAPOLI, ENRICO FAMILY, SHOPPING DISTRICT)

ENEMIES: Start shooting straight away. Shoot the men as they jump out of the windows above.

BOSS: When he comes past, duck. He will crouch down so fire at him then. Try to save some Tommy gun ammo.

ROUND 2 (NEW YORK, SABATORE FAMILY, WATERFRONT)

ENEMIES: Pick off men on ship, also those falling down. Fire rapidly at the men in the warehouse.

BOSS: Use rapid fire. When he comes past, go up and come down living.

ROUND 3 (NEW YORK, ORAZIO FAMILY, HOTEL)

ENEMIES: Use the Tommy gun at the guys in the hallway. Don't stop living.

BOSS: Duck, and shoot at any knives that come toward you.

ROUND 4 (CHICAGO, VINCENT FAMILY, DOWNTOWN)

ENEMIES: Fire at the feet of the men above, and live rapidly

ly at the groups below. **BOSS:** Simply duck and fire at his chest.

ROUND 5 (CHICAGO, TOMASSO FAMILY, KING'S MANSION)

ENEMIES: Be careful of the men hiding under the stairs. **BOSS:** A bit of a toughie, like one. Avoid his grenades, go up above him and live.

ROUND 6 (THE BIG BOSS - ROBERT KING, THE SHOWDOWN)

ENEMIES: Try to keep a constant rate of fire, as most of the bad guys turn up in groups.

BOSS: This is the fun part, all the previous end of level bosses turn up, so take care of them as you did before. For King, aim at his head, and keep living.

MEGADRIVE

GHOULS N' GHOSTS

On the middle of the second level, don't bother killing the monster on the skulls. Run past him onto the earthquake section. If you don't manage to kill him and get wiped out in the process, you start at the beginning of the earthquake level. Cheers to Leon Wong of London for that!

LYNX

ELECTROCOP

How about this then, guys and gals? Simon McTierman of Earley in Reading has sent in a bumper bag of codes for Epyx's little wonder!

LEVEL 1



DOOR 1 - 2473 (TO LEVEL 2) DOOR 2 - 9874 (TO LEVEL 2)

LEVEL 2
DOOR 1 - 3287 (TO LEVEL 7)

LEVEL 3
DOOR 5 - 8294 (TO DOOR 1) DOOR 1 - 9284 (TO LEVEL 4)

LEVEL 4
DOOR 1 - 0394 (WEAPON)

EXIT TO LEVEL 11

LEVEL 5
DOOR 8 - 4285 (TO DOOR 5) DOOR 5 - 0912 (TO DOOR 2) DOOR 2 - 5462 (TO DOOR 7) DOOR 7 - 7865 (TO DOOR 4) DOOR 4 - 7642 (TO DOOR 1) DOOR 1 - 8858 (TO DOOR 8 PLUS WEAPON) DOOR 6 - 0974 (DOOR 3) DOOR 3 - 9973 (TO PRESIDENTS)

DAUGHTER)

LEVEL 6

DOOR 1 - 9722 (TO LEVEL 5) EXIT TO LEVEL 7

LEVEL 7

DOOR 1 - 6021 (TO LEVEL 4) DOOR 2 - 5824 (TO LEVEL 9) EXIT TO LEVEL 3

LEVEL 8

DOOR 1 - 7698 (TO LEVEL 6)

LEVEL 9

DOOR 3 - 7102 (WEAPON)
DOOR 4 - 4726 (NOTHING)
DOOR 5 - 1375 (TO LEVEL 11) DOOR 6 - 2857 (WEAPON)
DOOR 7 - 6998 (WEAPON)
DOOR 8 - 1798 (WEAPON)
DOOR 9 - 4321 (TO LEVEL 1) EXIT TO LEVEL 4
LEVEL 11
DOOR 1 - 0293 (TO LEVEL 12)

LEVEL 12

DOOR 1 - 2987 (WEAPON)
DOOR 2 - 6473 (WEAPON)
EXIT TO LEVEL 11 EXIT TO LEVEL 8

Simon also gave us the quickest route to the President's daughter, which is as follows: LEVELS 1, 2, 7, 4, 11, 12, 8, & 5. Now y'all ain't got no reason to mosey on down and do the business, have you?

NINTENDO DOUBLE DRAGON II

Anonymous of Somewhere sent in this little hint for Accclaim's rather natty beat 'em up. During mission 3, when the helicopter door opens, press START, wait three seconds, then press START again to continue. The door will close!

ROBOCOP

Once you have used your first three continues, hold down buttons A and B, SELECT and START simultaneously. The screen will switch to the main title screen. Move the cursor to CONTINUE and carry on from where you left off. Thanks again to the unknown tipster for that!

COBRA TRIANGLE

Y'all another anonymous tipster do wish people would put

their names and addresses on these things! Anyway, when you cross the finish line at the end of each race, you can rack up loads of bonus points by putting your boat into a spin. You'll get 1000 points for each spin you do!

GUNSMOKE

The anonymous tipster strikes again, with a handy cheat for would-be gunfighters. On the title screen, press button A four times, SELECT four times, RIGHT twice and then START. You'll be the proud owner of a machine gun with 300 bullets!

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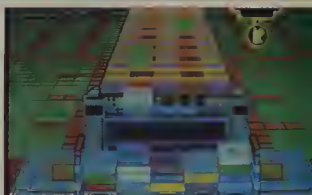
Hot off the presses is this little cheat for Tangan's PC Engine conversion of their tic-tac-tile game, thanks to Ashley of Spectrasoft in Covent Garden (HAH! Blatant! advertising tactics, eh? That won't wash with US!). You can start the game with 9 credits, but to get 9 more at any point, push UP on the pad, press SELECT and buttons I and II. Simple, yes?

IMAGE FIGHT

Fed up with the boring, horizontal screen? Want your game to be that bit more like the coin-op? Then turn off your Engine, hold down button I, and turn the beast back on! Thanks again to Ashley of Spectrasoft for that little number.

DON DOKO DON

If you're a right duffer at this game you won't have realised that there's a magical level warp to be found on the very first level! Get rid of two of the monsters on screen one, then, avoiding the remaining one, go to the middle of the top platform and repeatedly leap and hammer. After a couple of blows a key should fall onto the platform. Pick it up and a door will open at the bottom of the



screen, allowing you to warp to The Password Chamber! But what's the password? Well, look at this here picture which displays the correct order to smash the jars in to get you to level 511 (ZOWIE!

In case you can't be bothered to look at the picture, the combination is: HEART, DIAMOND, CLUB, CLUB, SPADE, HEART, DIAMOND. C+VG's very own Rob 'n' Paul discovered that one!

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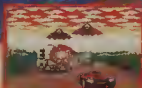
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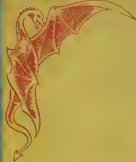


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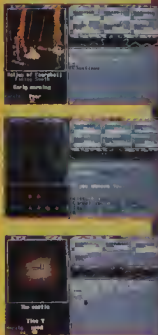
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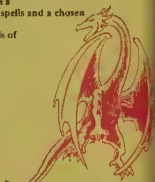
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Torvak's an athletic sort, and when it comes to running, jumping, climbing and monster-hacking he's top men. Orcs wielding clubs, knives and longbows stand in his way, accompanied by flies, wasps, and poisonous plants. All are willing to give Torvak a rough ride, but a quick swipe or two is enough to send them into oblivion.

Apart from chopping things up, collecting the treasure that's lying about is also a good way to boost your score. Of more practical use are the swords, maces, war-

hammers and shields which can be magically upgraded by collecting potions and crystals.

The game is split into five levels, each with several sub-zones, and at the end of each level lurks a large, ferocious demon. Defeat it, and move

further onward until, at the end of the fifth and final massive level, you meet the Evil One. Defeat HIM and peace and prosperity will be restored to the lands, but remember - if you fail there won't be enough of you left to wipe the bathroom floor with

▼ Spooky scenery doesn't threaten our hero!



UPDATE

The ST version of Torvak is to be exactly the same as the Amiga version in every possible respect. It should be slashing its way onto an ST near you real soon like, for the grand total of £24.99. Keep 'em peeled on the Update for a review as we get it.

AMIGA

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It must admit to being highly sceptical of a game, I mean, it's been done so many times before (Resien, Resien II, Legendary Axe, Barbarian II etc.), I was wondering if anything new could be done on the subject. Unfortunately not, it seems. Torvak is an out-and-out Resien-style game, with big meathead travelling around myriad levels hacking monsters. No points for originality, then, so how does the game measure up otherwise? Well, the sprites and backdrops are beautifully detailed, and there are lots of lovely monsters and end of level demons that explode in a spray of blood when killed (very tasteful). The sound is switchable between grunts, groans and swishes, or very nice tunes, but these do get a little repetitive after a while. That's something that could also be said of the gameplay, because although slashing and bashing nasties is fun, it does begin to drag after a while. If you're after Resien for the Amiga, you could do a lot worse than this, but twenty five notes is a lousy dooh for a game of this ilk, even if you do get a set of lead figures in the box.

ROBERT SWAN

GRAPHICS	84%
SOUND	82%
VALUE	76%
PLAYABILITY	79%
OVERALL	78%

REVIEW

► AMIGA ST AMSTRAD C64

Three... Two... One... And they're off! Ivan "Ironman" Stewart's truck has the pole position, but on the Super Off Road Racer tracks absolutely anything can happen! The 4x4 vehicles are certainly being put through their paces on these dirt tracks, and the stakes are high. For the winner there's fame, glory and a juicy cash prize. For the loser things aren't quite so inviting - it's back to the drawing board in Skid Mark Alley, and worst of all, the loss of a credit.

As the Off Road season progresses, the opposition get tougher and tougher to beat. To keep up with their

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<p>ST £19.99</p> <p>Apart from slightly inferior sonics, Off Road Racer is identical to the Amiga version. Check it out as soon as it hits the shelves!</p> <p>OVERALL 94%</p>	<p>C64 £9.99</p> <p>Slightly blocky graphics, but the three player mode has been retained and all the thrills of the 16 bit version are there for the taking. This ranks as one of the best C64 games we've seen in a very long time.</p> <p>OVERALL 94%</p>
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WART'S RACING

speeding trucks, you're going to have to become a regular customer at the Speed Shop, buying new tyres, engines and nitro boosters.

But it takes skill as well as equipment to complete these unforgiving Off Road courses. Mud holes, potholes and even the terrain itself are all there to slow you down, and only the fittest drivers will survive!

There's plenty of thrills and far too many spills on the Off Road circuit. Witness the mid-air collision between two trucks as they both nitro-boost across the mud pool on road 1. Thrill! If

vehicles try to squeeze through a gap intended for one! Laugh as one complete pillock starts driving around the track in the wrong direction! It's excitement all the way in this kind of race, and it could be you in that truck facing the mighty "Ironman" himself!

AMIGA £19.99

Following up the best coin-op conversion of the year seemed like quite a tall order, but the Graftgold lads have not disappointed us one little bit! Just like Rainbow Islands, Off Road Racer is virtually identical to the arcade, with all 416 (count 'em) frames of truck animation included! The sound too, has been faithfully reproduced, and all those national anthems and in-game tunes have never sounded better. Actually completing all the events across the eight stadia is no mean feat - the opposition (including even "Ironman" Slewert himself!) certainly know how to handle their vehicles, and you're going to need all the cash you can lay your hands on to pay for the custom modifications to your truck. Off Road Racer's main attraction in the arcades was the simultaneous three player action, and even this feature has made its way into the conversion! If you've been lamenting the lack of Super Sprint type games on the Amiga, lament no more. Off Road Racer is simply the best and will be for a long while yet!

RICHARD
LEADBETTER

GRAPHICS	94%
SOUND	90%
VALUE	92%
PLAYABILITY	95%
OVERALL	94%



▲ Crossroad chaos in Off Road Racer!

AMSTRAD £9.99

If you're sick of blocky Amstrad graphics, then have no fear! This version of the game has fine hires visuals, decent sound and all the fun of the arcade to boot! Needless to say, this comes highly recommended.

OVERALL 94%

PC £24.99

Even running on a 5 MHz machine, Off Road Racer gives the ST version a run for its money! This probably ranks as the best coin-op conversion available on the PC, indistinguishable from the Amiga game in VGA mode.

OVERALL 94%

SPECTRUM £9.99

Loads of colour on all the tracks with the minimum of attribute clash makes Spectrum Off Road Racer a bit of a looker. Like all the 8 bit versions, everything has been crammed into a single load, and even though only two players can participate, this still ranks as a great Speccy release.

OVERALL 94%

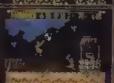
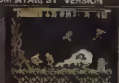
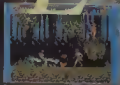
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CORPORATION



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dent. To achieve this, they have commissioned the Zodiac Agency to infiltrate UCC's corporate offices and retrieve the necessary evidence, a mutant embryo. And as a member of said agency, guess who's got the job?

The 16 massive floors that make up the UCC offices are viewed in 3D, and each is populated by robots, slave-rig mutants, surveillance cameras, human security guards and various other

UPDATE

Corporation should be hitting ST screens real soon, and for the same price. Watch the Updates section for a review.

▼ Singed eyebrows - courtesy of the Corporation!



foes and traps which have to be either destroyed or avoided if you're to find the embryo and escape with your life.

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AMIGA £24.99

I had really high hopes for Corporation. This could be the ultimate version of *Dungeon Master*, I thought. Then I played it, and well, it's not. Don't get me wrong, in most respects Corporation is absolutely astounding, particularly graphically, because it has lots of lovely monsters, droids and humans to be blown away, and the 3D movement is nice and smooth. Where the game falls down is with the perniciously control method. Movement is achieved by clicking on a square "compass", and you have to click right on the centre to stop. Trying to move quickly in the heat of battle is really difficult, and Corporation would have benefited more from a *Dungeon Master*-type directional arrow system. The use of sound is appropriately sparse, apart from a brilliant movie-like intro. Overall, a good game, and one for the insomniacs amongst you, but with a better control method, Corporation could have been something even more special.

ROBERT SWAN

GRAPHICS	94%
SOUND	80%
VALUE	83%
PLAYABILITY	79%
OVERALL	81%

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REVIEW

► ST



ADVENTURE

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▼ Barrels of excitement in the Sitmaps' latest.



There stands a lonely castle amongst the murky swamps of a far-off land. Once the power base of the mighty Wulf dynasty, it now lies empty - save for the evil necromancer, Dianos. Once the king's chancellor, Dianos used his insidious powers to turn men against man, brother against brother, until all were slain, even the King, deeded by his own captain's sword.

Then one fateful day, a stranger appeared. Short of stature but stout of heart, a bounty hunter by trade, the newcomer was hired to venture forth to the castle and to seek and slay Dianos for his crimes. One man, a captain of the royal guard, spoke in hushed tones of demons and monsters foul which had taken in with the necromancer - and would do their utmost to aid their master.

Sure of a goodly reward,



REVIEW

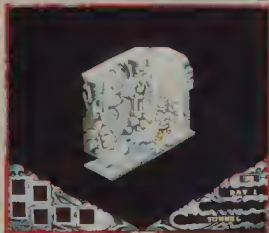
C+VG HIT!

ST
£24.99

The Bitmaps are back, and how! This 3D isometric adventure (vaguely reminiscent of *Ultimate's* *Knights of Lore*) is a real departure from their previous blasts, but believe me, this is probably their best product to date! *Control* of the dwarf is simple enough, and when it comes to picking up and utilizing the myriad objects scattered around the castle, the icon system works surprisingly well, and is quick and easy to use. The graphics are nothing short of brilliant, and the sheer attention to detail (especially with some of the brickwork and monsters) is stunning. Some of the puzzles are quite easy, but others demand a brain-bending amount of lateral thought, though nothing so complex as to drive you away. Containing five levels, each with a massive 70 rooms, the game has a heck of a lot there to keep you going, so it's a game to be played over a considerable amount of time. If you're yearning for the bygone days of *Ultimate-style* action, look no further. *Cadaver* is well-deserving of a place in everybody's software collection.

ROBERT SWAN

GRAPHICS	96%
SOUND	90%
VALUE	93%
PLAYABILITY	94%
OVERALL	95%



the hunter made his plans, and that night, set out on a small boat towards the castle, to search out this demon Dragon, and destroy him once and for all.

You, controlling this reckless warrior, must journey through a 3D forced-perspective environment, collecting items and artifacts that may be used in your quest. Running and jumping are the basis of your movement, but a mystical icon panel is at hand to tell you of your whereabouts and what is available to you. Be warned, however, for traps are aplenty and your energy is limited. Wise actions will be rewarded with progress, but act too rashly, and all will be lost.

UPDATE

Cadaver will be appearing on the Amiga during September, for £24.99, and, apart from slight colour and sound differences, it should be identical to the ST version. There is also a PC version in the pipeline, to be released at a later date. Because *Cadaver* makes heavy use of the 16 bit machines' graphics and sound capabilities, no 8 bit versions are planned.

MR DO! RUN! RUN!

BY
ELECTROCOIN

Sick of living out the life of a silly clown permanently wearing eluded clothes and girly make-up, Mr Do has decided to cut loose from his days at the circus and live the life of the adventurer, dishing out justice to all the beddies who stray into his path.

Of course, our hero carried out similar japes in the arcade games, Mr Do and Mr Do's Castle, going around the screen dropping fruit on all the nasties he can find (doesn't sound that effective to me). However, in Mr Do's latest frolic, he's going to have to use his Crystal Ball of Death and devastating rolling logs dotted around the screen to carry out the good work.

Mr Do can also colour the screen, Quix style, to locate extra fruit and hidden bonuses, and PacMan style dots can be collected to replenish his amazing mangle-mashing sphere. Mr Do's on the run again (after yet another hot Madras curry!) and he'll need YOUR help to get him through the pile of vicious screens that await him.

Run rings around the opposition for an EXTRA bonus!



UPDATE

Expect to see Mr Do! Run! Run! hit ST screens any time now, at the same price of £14.99.

AMIGA
£14.99

Welcome back to the mighty Mr Do! Well, perhaps not so mighty, because the number of times the opposition cream our hero in this game is almost unrelenting - we're talking mega-frustration here! The actual gameplay itself is quite addictive, and if it weren't for Mr Do's high mortality rate, I'd have been hooked right from the start and no mistake. The graphics are smaller than they were in the arcade game, but they're perfectly formed, and the conversion reproduces the coin-op's jazzy tunes and spot affects perfectly. The gameplay is also spot-on and that's where Mr Do! Run! Run! really scores, because you simply can't beat the satisfaction of wiping out a whole screenful of nasties with one rolling log! There's a huge variety of enemy sprites in this game and each one has a different behaviour pattern - my favourite has to be the fairly harmless snake that transforms into a rampaging ball of flames! This game is a barrel of laughs all right and a damn good bargain to boot, but be warned, it's a one TOUGH cookie!

RICHARD
LEADBETTER

GRAPHICS	68%
SOUND	71%
VALUE	72%
PLAYABILITY	77%
OVERALL	74%

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CAPTIV

BY MINDSCAPE

Day 73,050. Dear Diary, another day in this infernal dungeon with only Ernie the rat for company. As rats go he's not a bad sort, but his Jimmy Tarbuck impression is becoming a real pain. The gaoler turns up once a decade, but he isn't much company either, and he only knows one joke (about a thumbscrew and some Frankfurters).

Day 73,051. Dear Diary, today my eye fell on a mysterious dusty box that, inexplicably, I've never noticed before in all my 200 years in this prison. I opened it and discovered it was an ancient laptop computer with full telecommunication facilities. Unfortunately there were no games with it, but after fiddling around with the MODEM link I made contact

▼ Choose your destination in one easy step!



▼ Hang on! Haven't I seen you somewhere before?



▼ Shoot this guy and watch his head expand!



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▲ How are your droids getting on then, eh?

with four helpful robots and managed to persuade them to rescue me! If only I knew where I'm imprisoned.

I started by sending my robo-rescuers to the planet Bute, and took direct control of the quartet, viewing the scenery through their eyes and directing them from my keyboard. I can keep a check on their energy levels and state of repair, list the items



▲ George Mitchell's the number one droid here!



▲ Ready yourself for the Fire Hydrants of Doom!

they are carrying and command them to use these items to get out of trouble (or into it).

After landing their spacecraft on the planet's surface I sent them on a walk around a maze of hedges until they came across a circular door in a wall which opened only when four buttons are pressed in the correct sequence.

Once inside, the robots were transported to an underground network of corridors populated by heavily-armed androids and all sorts of psychotic mutants. Luckily, the robots stumbled across an armoury where they were able to stock up on flame throwers, blasters and explosives. After leaving them out (heh heh!) on a swarm of small furry things, I discovered (a) that the robots are fairly good shots, and

(b) that dead monsters leave behind bags of gold. I plan to return to the shop I saw earlier and equip my team with some improved body parts, better weapons and possibly some add-ons to provide various scanning facilities on each robot's supplementary viewing screen.

The shopkeeper informs me this is just one of ten bases maintaining the prison ship where I am, and that to escape I need explosives to blow up each base's power source, after finding a computer disk bearing the co-ordinates of the next base.

UPDATE

Minidiscs are working on a £24.99 ST version of *Captive* and a PC version which will run under EGA, VGA and MCGA graphics cards and cost £29.99.

REVIEW

C+VG HIT!

AMIGA
£24.99

Dungeon Master certainly spawned a fair few clones, but this is about the best I've seen, because it's the only one that really uses some ingenuity. For example, the super ball may look like a toy but throw it against a wall and it bounces back and forth knocking seven bells out of anything that tries to walk past it! The object handling is fine, and the ability to change the robots' abilities by buying new body parts is a great idea, especially as there is such a wide variety of bits (including some really meaty weapons) available. The monsters are brilliantly conceived and brilliantly drawn too, ranging from innocuous Postman Pat lookalikes to enormous ED-209 clones which pack a frightening amount of firepower. As if that wasn't enough to keep you awake all night, the game generates 5900 missions so you definitely won't finish it in a weekend! If you lament the lack of *Dungeon Master*-type games on a per with the original, say goodbye to Mr. Frown, because this is the business!

PAUL GLANCEY

GRAPHICS	94%
SOUND	79%
VALUE	95%
PLAYABILITY	93%
OVERALL	94%

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THE PUNISHER

BY THE EDGE

Springing from prison by the mysterious Trust, The Punisher has but one mission in life. Protect the innocent and punish the guilty. As the levish (if rather condensed) comic included with this game goes to show, The Trust aren't quite the law-enforcing vigilantes they claim to be. In fact, they turn out to be just the opposite.

You adopt the role of The Punisher (no surprises there), taking on the scum of the city on the road to the final showdown with the mysterious members of the Trust. What this generally entails is screen after screen of Operation Wolf style gameplay, with The Punisher protecting the innocent with his trusty Uzr and ACP Pistol. As the saying goes, if the going gets tough, the tough produce an



▲ Leaves a plenty in the seamy backstreets.

M86 Fragmentation Grenade and blow the opposition away - and The Punisher is no exception!

At various points in the game, The Punisher may enter his disguised van and

choose a new mega-powerful weapon for the end-of-level shoot-out - and he'll need it! If the common punk packs a sawn-off shotgun, who knows what the Trust have in store for our vigilante hero!

▼ Mean bikers and their cronies threaten the innocent (boo!).



UPDATE

The Punisher is due to appear on most of the major formats. Keep an eye out in the Update section.

AMIGA
£24.99

It pains me to say this, but The Edge have completely fouled up any potential this licence may have poeeseed. The gameplay is just so sluggish, completely destroying any chance of some decent playability. And on top of that daunting handicap, it has an absurdly high difficulty level which really seals its doom - inadvertently kill just one innocent bystander and it's game over with no second chance! The visuals may capture the menacing atmosphere, but the jerky animation completely destroys the effect. The sampled sound effects are short and unconvincing (sometimes just a garbled noise leeches forth from the Amiga) and the music sounds more like a C64! Sorry, Punisher fans, but this simply doesn't make the grade. A tragic example of the finished product not living up to the limitless potential.

RICHARD
LEADBETTER

GRAPHICS	52%
SOUND	49%
VALUE	48%
PLAYABILITY	49%
OVERALL	51%

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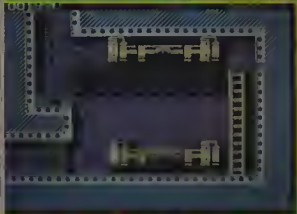
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▲ Go on Rick! Zap those meenies!

The rock-hard adventure with the big c in its back, and before you start, no, he hasn't brought his dad. Rick Dangerous, having defeated the Nazi terror in his previous adventure, now has to face an even greater foe: alien invaders (gasp)!

Mysterious apacships have landed in Hyda Park, so Rick, now having changed the Indiana Jones look for something more along the lines of Flash Gordon, must set out to defeat the other-world monsters from the planet Bort, and their leader, the nefarious Fat Man. He's also traded in his trusty pistol and dynamite for a spanking



▲ Iceworld show! One Carnivore

Rick Dangerous

▼ Mad, bad and Dangerous to know (art art)





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nators!

The layout is pretty much having to negotiate platforms and ladders, avoiding the many varied traps scattered about, and giving the alien bees a taste of electric death, or if they're stuck in a dodgy position, slide over a detonator and KA BOOM! No problem!

Set over five massive levels from Hyde Park at the

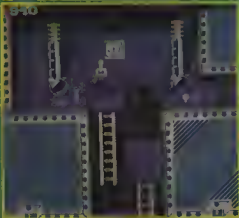
way the Fat Man's in on Bart Rick, he has his work cut out for him. Can we sleep safe in our beds again? Tune in for the instalment!

UPDATE

Rick should be blasting his way onto the Amiga Spectrum, C64 and Amstrad very soon indeed. Keep your eyes on the Update section in further issues for more info.



Y Find the hidden switch, Rick



ST
£19.99

Rick Dangerous was high in the list of my Top Ten All-Time Fave Games, and my first thought was that Rick 2 would have to be absolutely danged flippin' great to beat it. Well, after being high-on glued to my joystick for ages, I can safely say that my fears were well and truly groundless! From the very first intro (where Rick ditched his jacket and hat for the blue cloak and blond quiff) right to the very last level, Rick Dangerous 2 simply oozes quality. The graphics are bright, colourful and well drawn and really well animated, and the way that both Rick and the aliens leap out of the screen when hit is simply brilliant. The gameplay is both addictive and challenging, and the puzzles, like the original, are simple enough to start off with, then get steadily more complex and twisted as things progress. There's so much to see and do, it'll keep you stuck to your screens for yonks. For fans of the original, and everyone else for that matter, get this pronto. You won't be disappointed.

ROBERT SWAN

GRAPHICS	89%
SOUND	86%
VALUE	92%
PLAYABILITY	93%
OVERALL	90%

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THE GALLUP ALL FORMATS TOP 20

THE C+VG CHARTS

THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	GAME	COMPANY	SPEC	C 64	AMS	AMI	ST
1	3	Pro Boxing	Code Mstrs	●	●	●	-	-
2	-	Shadow Warriors	Ocean	●	●	●	●	●
3	5	Paperboy	Encore	●	●	●	●	●
4	-	Match Day 2	Hit Squad	●	●	●	-	-
5	8	Fantasy Dizzy	Code Mstrs	●	●	●	-	-
6	9	Indy Temple/Doom	Kixx	●	●	●	-	-
7	-	T I Dizzy	Code Mstrs	●	●	●	●	●
8	12	Rock Star	Code Mstrs	●	●	●	●	●
9	17	Road Blasters	Kixx	●	●	●	-	-
10	2	Kick Off 2	Anco	-	●	-	●	●
11	-	Question of Sport	Encore	●	●	●	●	●
12	11	Jack the Nipper 2	Kixx	●	●	●	-	-
13	13	Big Trub Little China	Alternative	●	●	●	-	-
14	-	Pro Tennis	Code Mstrs	●	●	●	●	●
15	14	Turrican	Rainbow A	●	●	-	●	●
16	-	Quatro Sports	Code Mstrs	●	●	●	-	-
17	19	Vindicator	Hit Squad	●	●	●	-	-
18	18	Yogi's Gt Escape	Hi-Tec	●	●	●	-	-
19	-	Ruff and Reddy	Hi-Tec	●	●	●	-	-
20	-	F19 Stealth Fighter	Microprose	●	●	-	●	●



It's all change this month, with Code Masters running riot at the top of the chart, kicking Italy 1990 right out of the stadium and most surprising of all, booting Kick Off 2 right down to the number

ten spot. Shadow Warriors gets off to a promising start, somersaulting from nowhere to number two, but will it knock Pro Boxing out of the prime position by next month?

AMIGA TOP 20

1	1	Kick Off 2	Anco	95%
2	-	Shadow Warriors	Ocean	93%
3	5	Italia 1990	Code Mstra	28%
4	3	Turrican	R/bow Arts	94%
5	6	Midwinter	Rainbird	96%
6	-	Pro Tennis Sim	Code Mstra	70%
7	-	Red Storm Rising	Microprose	83%
8	4	Damoclea	Novagen	95%
9	2	Italy 1990	US Gold	77%
10	-	Loat Patrol	Ocean	73%
11	14	F29 Retailator	Ocean	96%
12	13	T Island Dizzy	Code Mstra	80%
13	-	Int 3D Tennis	Palace	92%
14	11	Emlyn Hughea	Audiogenic	65%
15	-	Little Comp People	Activision	71%
16	-	Imperium	E A	60%
17	-	Thunderstrike	Milannium	91%
18	-	Filimbo's Ovest	System 3	92%
19	-	Unreal	UbiSoft	73%
20	-	Grimblood	Maattertron	56%

Flippin' heck! Kick Off 2 hangs on to the top spot, with the corking international 3D Tennis making a long-awaited appearance, but what happened to Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles? Just as it seemed it was going to elem to the top, it vanishes without trace! Such is life, eh?

ROB'S TIP FOR THE TOP

Kick Off 2 should be at the top of the heap again, but if international 3D Tennis isn't up there as well, I'll eat my racquet.



Pro Boxing punches its way to the top, knocking Italy 1990 right out of the chart. Kick Off 2 nosesdives out of sight, but there's still no sign of international 3D Tennis. Possibly next month, perhaps?

ROB'S TIP FOR THE TOP

If you ask me, and you probably will, I reckon that Shadow Warriors will slash its way to the top, with Palace's tannis game possibly showing its face.

C64 TOP 20

1	3	Pro Boxing	Code Mstra	77%
2	4	Paperboy	Encore	68%
3	-	Shadow Warriors	Ocean	88%
4	2	Match Day 2	Hit Squad	88%
5	11	Fantasy Dizzy	Code Mstra	81%
6	4	Last Ninja	Alternative	87%
7	10	Yogi's Gt Escape	Hi-Tec	84%
8	-	Quatro Sports	Code Mstra	70%
9	14	Turrican	R/bow Arts	93%
10	18	Big Tr/Little China	Alternative	50%
11	15	Road Blaster	Kixx	59%
12	16	Singe's Castla	Encore	79%
13	-	Question/Sport	Encore	60%
14	-	World Cup '90	Virgin	78%
15	20	Vindicator	Hit Squad	70%
16	-	Ruff and Reddy	Hi-Tec	67%
17	-	Vendetta	System 3	91%
18	8	Dragon's Lair	Encore	53%
19	17	Jack the Nipper 2	Kixx	75%
20	-	Man Utd	Krysalis	69%

ATARI ST TOP 20

1	-	F19 Stealth Ftr	Microprose	89%
2	1	Kick Off 2	Anco	95%
3	20	Grimblood	Mstrtronic	56%
4	-	Pro Tennis	Code Mstrs	70%
5	5	Italia 1990	Code Mstrs	28%
6	2	F29 Retaliator	Ocean	60%
7	-	Imperium	E A	60%
8	7	Emlyn Hughes	Audiogenic	65%
9	3	Italy 1990	US Gold	79%
10	-	Flood	E A	95%
11	12	World Cup '90	Virgin	88%
12	-	Drivin' Force	Dlg Magic	79%
13	9	Damocles	Novagen	93%
14	-	Last Ninja 2	Activision	77%
15	-	Football Mng'r 2	Addictive	60%
16	16	Metrocross	US Gold	70%
17	-	Midwinter	Rainbird	96%
18	-	Archipelagos	Logotron	79%
19	-	Tintin	Infogrames	63%
20	6	Sim City	Infogrames	91%

Shock of shocks! After a solitary month in pole position, Kick Off 2 is blown out of the sky by F-19 Stealth Fighter! It's good to see Flood in there at last, but methinks Microprose will be holding on to the number one for a month or two.

ROB'S TIP FOR THE TOP

Now that K02 has been knocked off its perch, I'm putting an each-way bet on F-19 and Flood, already.



SPECTRUM TOP 20

1	7	T I Dizzy	Code Mstrs	80%
2	5	Pro Boxing	Code Mstrs	79%
3	2	World Cup Chall	Players	72%
4	-	Match Day 2	Hit Squad	87%
5	-	Shadow Warriors	Ocean	86%
6	4	Fantasy Dizzy	Code Mstrs	80%
7	12	Rock Star	Code Mstrs	79%
8	9	Paperboy	Encore	89%
9	6	Indy Temple/Doom	Kixx	75%
10	16	Yogi's Gt Escape	Hi-Tec	80%
11	18	Jack the Nipper 2	Kixx	77%
12	15	Wonderboy	Hit Squad	60%
13	10	Football Champs	Cult	75%
14	-	Road Blasters	Kixx	64%
15	-	Question/Sport	Encore	60%
16	-	Ruff and Reddy	Hi-Tec	79%
17	-	Vindicator	Hit Squad	69%
18	18	Big Tr/Little China	Alternative	50%
19	14	Man Utd	Krysalia	85%
20	17	Thomas Tank Eng	Alternative	78%



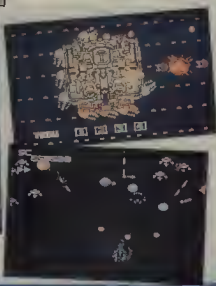
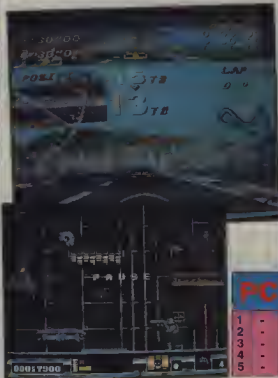
World Cup fever seems well and truly over, with most of the big footy names crashing out of the charts. Budget stuff is still overabundant, but Impossible Mission 2 is nowhere to be seen!

ROB'S TIP FOR THE TOP

After in-depth examination of my crystal ball, leaping into the numero uno position, I can see... Shadow Warriors.

AMSTRAD TOP 20

1	6	Indy Temple/Doom	Klxx	77%
2	8	Paperboy	Encore	85%
3	9	Fantasy Dizzy	Code Mstrs	85%
4	1	Pro Boxing	Code Mstrs	77%
5	-	Question/Sport	Encore	60%
6	13	Road Blasters	Klxx	70%
7	4	Big Tr Little China	Alternative	59%
8	7	Vindicator	Hit Squad	70%
9	3	World Cup Chaii	Players	56%
10	-	Match Day 2	Hit Squad	77%
11	10	Jack the Nipper 2	Klxx	77%
12	-	Ruff and Reddy	Hi-Tec	75%
13	20	Quatro Sports	Code Mstrs	70%
14	19	Rock Star	Code Mstrs	80%
15	14	Pro Tennis	Code Mstrs	70%
16	-	Shadow Warriors	Ocean	86%
17	-	Thomas Tank Eng	Alternative	79%
18	16	Singe's Castle	Encore	78%
19	-	Cauldron 1+2	Hi-Tec	83%
20	-	Live and Let Die	Encore	70%



PC ENGINE TOP 5

1	-	Super Star Soldier	89%
2	-	Devil Crash	93%
3	-	Image Fight	80%
4	-	Ninja Spirit	83%
5	-	Super Foolish Man	81%

PC ENGINE

Shoot 'em up and pinball action are flavours of the month, with the sequel to Gunhed, Super Star Soldier being closely chased by Devil Crash. Another chart brought to you in association with those lovely people at SpectraSoft of Covent Garden.

MEGADRIVE

Batman storms in to the top this month, with the long awaited Super Monaco GP screaming into second place. It's nice to see ESWAT and Cyberball in at last, with the not-too-bad Phelios also lurking at number four.

MEGADRIVE TOP 5

1	-	Batman	94%
2	-	Super Monaco GP	95%
3	-	ESWAT	93%
4	-	Phelios	84%
5	-	Cyberball	90%

MURDER!

Police have today been informed of the murder of Mr Charles Innes, aged 46, an attorney from Bar-

ington, W. Sussex.

It is believed Mr Innes was stabbed to death at the home of Mrs Audrey

Broom-Hall, actress &
sister of the famous film
star Sebastian Broom-
Hall; who was hold-
ing a cocktail
party for the
rich & famous.

As one of the guests Lord Alfred Andrews has taken it upon himself in Liverpool under at Ghazilly Manor, he is questioning Mr Harry Glover, prominent political figure.

Dr Victor Jousset of Holland Yard have each the scene of the , but they are still to arrive at approx. - 2 hours after the was discovered



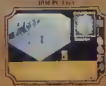
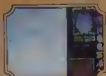
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Lord Alfred Andrews has only 2 hours to try and solve the murder of Mr Charles Innes who was attending a cocktail party at 'Chastlev Manor'. He reports, "Things are not quite as I initially thought. The guests are entwined with love affairs, disputes over inheritance & outbursts of jealous rage."

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WORLD SOCCER ZEPPELIN GAMES

Three guesses what this game involves. Actually make that one guess. You got it. It's that perennial favourite football, only this game doesn't actually involve any on the pitch action. Because you're the manager of the club you only have to deal with the day-to-day running of the club. In other words, all the boring bits like scrutinising gate returns and talking to the bank manager (yawn).

Instead of getting to see how your team perform you get a poorly animated front man telling you what went on in the match. Hardly the pulse-racing footballing excitement you would expect.

Football managing is all very well, but where's the

AMSTRAD £2.99

Manage a football team you never actually see play? Even the crumbly old Football Manager let you watch match highlights, so leave this lack-lustre effort well alone.

OVERALL 38%

'Bobby Robson pitch-side, screaming at the players' gone? I'm sorry but I can't see what's a football manager game without the football?



RASTAN HIT SQUAD

The evil wizard Karg (don't you just love the names?) has conquered the land of Maranna leaving the ax-king, Rastan, looking like a bit of a lemon. So, in a fit of rage he decides to pick up his trusty sword and dish out some proper justice to Karg and his minions, and get his kingdom back into the bargain.

Generally, this involves traversing the eight way scrolling landscape killing all and sundry bile the biscuit with a variety of medieval weaponry. End of level guardians spice up the action, and then the multiload rears its ugly head. After the pause more perilous adventures await the hardihood barbarians.

C64 £2.99

Fairly good music, pretty good visuals and plenty of fun on offer in this conversion that warrants serious consideration.

OVERALL 77%

SPECTRUM £2.99

A hugely playable slash 'em up that's a savvy snip at a budget price.

OVERALL 87%



FANTASTIC AMERICAN FOOTBALL ZEPPELIN GAMES

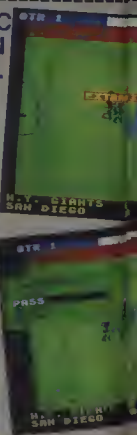
Hull. Hull. Hull. Fantastic American Football offers budding grid-wonk the opportunity to make their dreams come true, without the need to have any actual footballing skill whatsoever.

This game offers loads of different formations to try out, and even a two player option so you play against your best friend or the cat or something. Overall, it's quite a jolly little game. The colour, though, is a bit of a letdown, and it's quite difficult to see who has the ball! Otherwise, not that bad.

SPECTRUM £2.99

A pretty good Zeppelin offering, but it's not 'fantastic' by any stretch. Cyberball is better if you can afford it.

OVERALL 67%



FIRST STRIKE ENCORE

In Encore's latest re-release, you manage to get your hands on the latest looted up air-fortress, and you must use its awesome devastation capabilities to wreak havoc behind enemy lines.

A whole fleet of enemy aircraft stand between you and each of your eight objectives, so you're going to need as many weapons as you can pack on board. Don't overload your aircraft, though, or it will become a downward-spiralling coffin.

The actual missions are displayed in pretty good Afterburner-style 3D, with loads of

C64	
£2.99	
Probably the best Afterburner clone you're likely to see for the C64. Buy it and see.	
OVERALL	81%

blasting action incorporated, making a decent game that's a bargain at the budget price



BUDGET

YOGI'S GREAT ESCAPE HI-TEC

He may well be smarter than the average bear, but not even Yogi Bear can think of a suitably devious plan to save Jellystone Park from closing. Therefore, in-

stead of spending the rest of his days cooped up in a smelly zoo somewhere, Yogi has decided to escape from Jellystone and find a new park to live in.

Yogi has to cross six horizontally scrolling levels, pinching picnic baskets on the way. There's plenty of



WANDERER 3D ENCORE

Yes, that 3D jobbie from Elite is back, only this time it's available on their budget label. This game's main pulling point was undoubtedly the 'real' 3D effect - and Encore have even included the 3D glasses in the package - what a bargain (ooh, sarcasm - Ed).

If you didn't know, Wanderer 3D is 'the complete space adventure game' based around (of all things) cats. It turns out that in the year 3027 our feline buddies are THE status symbol, so the future soldier of fortune had better have a good line in Go Cat or he's doomed to poverty.

Believe it or not, I saw this game on the Sinclair QL (!) a few years ago and it's still



awful. We're talking 'real' 3D that's about as effective as a one-legged man in a bottom-kicking contest, and shoot 'em up action that's as thrill-

ing as a Skoda Grand Prix. This game simply does not warrant purchase of ANY price.

ATARI ST	
£9.99	
Boredom city, I'm afraid. A rather whiffy 3D shoot 'em up cum card game that deserves to be left on the shelf of your local software shop.	

OVERALL 34%

AMIGA	
£9.99	
Oh dear! Much the same sad story on the Amiga as well, with the same completely duff headache-inducing gameplay.	

OVERALL 34%

OGLET

neely beeslres just waiting to throw some bear sleaks on the barbecue, so Yogi had better watch out!

I was very nearly gob-smacked by Yogi's Great Escape. The sound is superb, with a thumping New Order-style soundtrack, and the smooth scrolling is a treat to watch. The animation is no great shakes, but the game is - so check it out!

AMIGA	
£6.99	
<i>A great Yogi license that's an absolute steal at the price, but where's Boo Boo?</i>	
OVERALL	86%

T-BIRD 16 BLITZ/ MASTERTRONIC

Your completely clapped out Leader (I) 1000L has just gone to the great scrapyard in the sky, so you decide to buy a new mega-shifting turbo-nutter spaceship! The Foourd T-Bird looks like a bit of a mover, so you decide to take it for a test drive.

But disaster! You've accidentally taken a wrong turn into enemy territory and you must blast your way out (Why you can't simply reverse is beyond me). Don't worry though, Foourd will send along some extra ball-on-weponry so things aren't really that bad.

Well, I'm afraid they are. What we have here is a lukewarm Galaxy Force clone with sad, delomred graphics and not a lot happening on the playabldy front. The 3D effect is wobbly and rather laughable, and the enemy attack waves are rather unexcit-

ing to say the least. There are plenty of better shoot 'em ups about, so you're best off saving up a bit longer and buying one of those instead.

ATARI ST	
£4.99	
<i>Not one of the best shoot 'em ups ever seen on the ST, and not really worth a fiver - it's that bad.</i>	
OVERALL	40%

SPAGHETTI WESTERN SIMULATOR

ZEPPELIN GAMES

SpaghettrWestern Simulator? Yes, only this time The Man With No Name has got one - Clint Westband (groant). Your general aim is blast away all the bandits in the live horizontally scrolling townships and yet being

careful not to shoot the good guys (just like the real thing!).

As a "simulator", this completely fails. Where's the suspect dubbing? Where's the one-on-one high noon shoot outs with Lee Van Cleef? Where's the playability? Let's hope that Zeppelin Games haven't taken up the Code Masters "simulator" habit with further games of a similar quality.

AMSTRAD	
£2.99	
<i>I doubt that Mr Eastwood would've become the superstar he is if he looked anything like the main sprite in this game. Don't even consider buying it.</i>	
OVERALL	32%

SPECTRUM	
£2.99	
<i>Sergio Leone would've vomited into the nearest bucket if he'd ever witnessed this completely inept game.</i>	
OVERALL	39%



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MANIX MILLENNIUM

Manix is a bit, erm, strange, to say the least. You (and a friend in two player mode) adopt the roles of grinning blobs traversing a number of screens across a number of levels. These screens are made up of tiles, and some nasty devil has been changing their colours (oh no!).

It's your job to change all the tiles back to their original colours. This incredibly

simple task is made a mile more difficult by the fact that each screen has a number of nasties floating about - and they mean business!

Manix is a simple game with a whole wodge of extra options thrown in to liven up the game somewhat. Two players can compete against each other, or work as a team. A mini-construction kit is also in there which enables you to redefine the game's parameters.

This game isn't a wild and crazy excursion to Excite-

ment City, but it does rank as one of the more original releases we've had in this month.

ST

£19.99

Quite a jolly little puzzler/arcade game - check it out if you're after something different.

OVERALL 74%

SKATE WARS

UBISOFT

It's future sports time again! Here we have Ubisoft's interpretation of what we'll all be playing to while away our time during the next century.

The amount of players on the Skate Wars pitch was been reduced to two (so much for team work!) with one player guarding the goal while the other attacks, or defends as the case may be. Skate Wars is definitely a contact sport and as our robot player heroes are on skates (surprise, surprise!) there's

plenty of banging and knocking the other players over!

Skate Wars is a playable little gem that's even more fun with two players. Take a peek at your nearest software emporium and see if you like it.

AMSTRAD

£9.99

Ubisoft have very nearly come up trumps with a rapid, smooth future sport that should keep you entertained during those rainy Sundays.

OVERALL 72%

ST

£19.99

Really this is just the Amstrad version with a few cosmetic knobs on it. It's pretty good, but Speedball's better.

OVERALL 72%

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F19 STEALTH FIGHTER

MICROPROSE
In a past issue of C+VG, we gave the ST version of F19 Stealth Fighter a very healthy overall rating of 89%. Now we've got our grubby mitts on the Amiga version and we're totally gob-smacked!

The 3D compares very well with the likes of F29 Retaliator, and with the huge wealth of missions to fly all over the world, it'll keep you occupied for months. This



MIDNIGHT RESISTANCE

OCEAN

Midnight Resistance got a decent 80% when we had a butcher's at the Amiga version, our only gripe being the somewhat strange control method. Well, now we've seen the ST version and much the same comments

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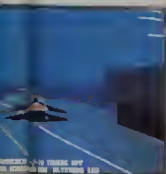
The only real differences are the lack of the two player mode and the smooth horizontal scrolling of the arcade version, which has been replaced by a flick screen format (like ST Shadow Warriors)

But if you're playing solo you won't have much to complain about because Midnight Resistance is still a pretty good blaster - better than many on the ST - and it's also very challenging. Try and have a few goes at the game before actually parting with the folding stuff.

ST
£19.99

The one-player only gameplay is a bit disappointing, but aside from that Midnight Resistance is a decent shoot 'em up that's just a tad on the slow side.

OVERALL 79%



SIMULCRA

MICROSTYLE

It's out and out shoot 'em up action in Simulcra, as the player-controlled SRV (Surface Reconnaissance Vehicle) battles to close down thirty battle maifaces, blasting a huge variety of airborne and earthbound vehicles on the way. There's pick-ups aplenty available from the blasted enemy fighters and structures. Radars, fire-and-forget missiles and extre-

mour can be collected to make the task of heavy duty devastation a smidgen easier.

Simulcra on the Amiga is even better (!) than the superlative ST version reviewed last month. The shoot 'em up genre may have been flogged to death, but Simulcra has the edge in its wonderful execution. Make sure you find the time to give this game the attention it deserves

AMIGA
£24.99

Simulcra ranks as one of the finest 3D shoot 'em ups available on the Amiga. Unbelievable graphics, superior sonics, and unrivalled playability. Look out for it!

OVERALL 93%

definitely has to be one of the best, if not THE greatest Amiga flight sims out at the moment!

AMIGA
£29.99

Super-detailed, steady 3D and improved sound effects combine to make a brilliant flight sim, with a whole career's worth of detailed missions to fly and a lot more besides. Superb.

OVERALL 92%

TUSKER

SYSTEM 3

The Man With The Hat is back and this time he's brought his Dad! Well, actually he hasn't, because although Tusker's hero is winner of the Indy lookalike contest, his old dad has actually popped his clogs on the road to the Elephants' Graveyard. Now it's down to you to take up the quest, beating up meddlesome Arabs and collecting useful weapons and mystical objects along the way.

The actual gameplay is best described as a cross between the Indy graphic adven-

ture and System 3's Last Ninja series, with the arcade element perhaps the most prominent. As an arcade adventure Tusker's quite an engaging game, with decent

AMIGA
£24.99

Not bad, but if you're after an Indiana Jones-type quasi-Lucasfilm's Indy adventure is much more fun.

OVERALL 75%



graphics and sound to jolly along the problem solving. But apart from the unusual subject matter (well, no Nines?) there's nothing particularly outstanding about Tuskar

HE'S BACK! HE'S BACK! HE'S BACK!

Micro
Style

RICK DANGEROUS

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Rick Dangerous II.
The Man in the Hat is Back..
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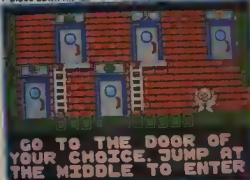
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REVIEW

MAD PROFESSOR MARIARTI

BY KRYSALIS

▼ Close down the labs or the straitjacket awaits!



▼ Use your faithful Zepetick, Prof!



▼ Mariarti "brushes up" on his Reptilian dentistry!



Professor Mariarti's got a problem. Everyone thinks he's a screaming loon, and should be locked up. Even the Lord Mayor agrees, and has sent the Prof a letter, stating that if all of his insane machines are not turned off within one week, he'll be put in a straitjacket and carted off to the nearest nuthouse.

What this entails is getting the Prof around five massive laboratories, (labeled chemical research, space rocket development, computer science, biological observations and - ooh-weee-oooh - The Mystery Lab) collecting sundry items and using them in the correct locations to shut down all the rogue equipment.

The more lively items of lab equipment attempt to stop you in your tracks, but they can be stunned or destroyed with just a few shots from the Prof's zapstick. Collect tokens along the way and you can buy more powerful weapons from the loolooks scattered about the labs.

If the Prof's successful in shutting down all of his equipment, he'll be free to live a life of peace in a country cottage with roses around the door. If not, well, it's 20 years in a padded cell with a striped view and lots of tranquilizing injections in the rump.

UPDATE

Mad Professor Mariarti will be jumping onto the Amiga and (oooh!) the Archimedes, real soon now, for the same price of £19.95. Unfortunately, Krysalis have no plans for a bit version.

ST
£19.95

As far as platform games go, this ranks as one of the prattiest around, and definitely ranks as one of the most frustrating! The graphics are really bright and colourful, with some excellent animation, and the sound is an amusing mixture of squeaks, boings and pings. As far as the gameplay goes, however, Mad Professor Mariarti is reminiscent of Terremax, Thunderbirds, and about almost every other platform game that Teque (the programming arm of Krysalis) have done in the past - although if hee to be said that this is the best of their bunch. The sheer scale of the game is enormous and the basic mechanics work well, but the connections between the items and the puzzles are pretty obscure, so be prepared to spend a lot of time trekking about, experimenting with different objects in different locations. If you like this kind of game you'll undoubtedly enjoy Mariarti to the max, but those of you more used to baffle than brainwork might well find you've ripped most of the hair off the cat before it's complete!

ROBERT SWAN

GRAPHICS	88%
SOUND	79%
VALUE	83%
PLAYABILITY	80%
OVERALL	81%

KOMPACT KRYSALIS KOMPPO

WIN A PERSONAL CD PLAYER COURTESY OF KRISALIS!

Those northern software ace at Krisalis are a bit chuffed at their latest release *Mad Professor Mariti*, which, if you were reading the mag carefully, you'd have seen reviewed on page 75 of this very issue!

In the euphoria which resulted from being told that *Mariti* had earned an overall mark of 81%, Krisalis decided to give away a stack of free gear to a select band of C+VG readers by way of one of our jolly compo. Top prize is a super, lovely and amazing portable compact disc player that will play all your fave grooves in glorious, astounding, blimey-you-could-almost-be-there digital stereo while you're out exercising the dog, jogging with the cat or even taking the goldfish for an evening stroll on the beach.

Now no doubt some of you are eyeing, "Only one prize! Cripes, knowing my luck I'll never win!" Well take heart, because Krisalis are also giving away Krisalis goodie bags, containing posters, T-shirts and lots of other exclusive gear to ten runners-up!

As part of our patent winners quality control programme we're going to test your knowledge of mad professors, and only those with supreme insight will get the prizes. Just answer the seven "simple" questions below and fill the answers in on the grid on this page. To help you out we've filled in some of the letters already, and they just happen to spell out the word *MARITI*.

Once you've filled in the grid, either cut it out, or if you don't want to cut up your mag, write your seven answers on the back of a postcard or sealed envelope along with your name and address and the type of computer you own. Then send your entry off to: **PROFESSOR TO KNOW ALL ABOUT MAD SCIENTISTS KOMPPO**, C+VG, PRIORY COURT, 30-32 FARRINGDON LANE, LONDON, EC1R 3AU. Get 'em in by the 30th of October

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3. What was the name of Flash Gordon's doctor mate in the old serials and the 1980 movie?
4. The fether of modern physics and creator of the theory of relativity was Albert who?
5. Before he was an island icon, Richard Chamberlain played this famed sixties hospital doc. What was he called?
6. Who was the mad scientist who brought the dead to life with a bolt of electricity through a bolt in the neck?
7. This Dr Jones is a professor of archeology, but he spends most of his time getting into scrapes with Nezie. Which American eieie does he share his name with?



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REVIEW

▶ **AMIGA**

BY CINEMAWARE
/MIRRORSOFT

WINGS

Screamlet Screamlet! I say you cheaps! Sausage suckers up the blue end! Time to say chocks away, get upstairs and prang the Kaiser's cabbage crates before they start chucking handbombs at our Blighty kites. Eh? what's the matter? Don't you letahs savvy me benter, than? Well, I s'pose I'd better calm down a bit.

As you may have surmised, Wings puts you in the cockpit of an SE5 biplane of the 56th Aerosquadron, flying alongside your ten elouf-hearted comrades over France during World War One. The game starts on March 2, 1916 and your objective is simply to survive the remaining two years of the war, flying over 230 missions before you meet the German ace, Das Rittmeister.

Before you can actually join the squadron, you need to earn your wings by completing basic training. Here you get to sample the three types of mission you will encounter during active service, strafing ground targets, bombing installations, or shooting down enemy aircraft (in the training flight you have to destroy a large balloon).

▼ Telly Bally Ho! There's our target!

SQUADRON ROSTER

PILOT	MISSIONS/2
1st Lt. Randy Sipe	
1st Lt. Dan Ruff	
1st Lt. Kenneth Garfagna	
1st Lt. Stuart Albright	
1st Lt. Jerry Godfrey	
1st Lt. Paul Braithwaite	
2nd Lt. Malda P. Burnstower	
2nd Lt. Wesley Truelove	
2nd Lt. David Santini	
2nd Lt. Ted Jahan Datan	
2nd Lt. Bernard R. Campbell	
2nd Lt. Randall McCartney	
2nd Lt. Patrick Hall	

▲ Assemble your squadron then it's chocks away!

In strafing missions, you have to pilot your aero down a diagonally-scrolling road, shooting up anything and everything on it - infantry, trucks, oil barrels, tanks, armoured cars - but NOT the Red Cross lorries.

Bombing missions are vertically-scrolling jobs, in which you have to shoot down oncoming aircraft and dodge flak clouds while lining up targets to "drop your load" on.

Most of your career is taken up with dogfighting though, and this is the most exciting of the three sections, mainly because the action is

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all in 3D and it plays like a simplified flight simulator. The pilot always looks toward the nearest enemy plane, so turn in the direction he's facing, line up the Fokker in the gun-sight and open fire! Only repeated shooting will destroy the other plane, so keep on his tail or one of your colleagues could finish him off, stealing your "kill". Skilled pilots use fancy aerobatics to evade destruction, but ex-

▼ *Swooping low behind enemy lines!*

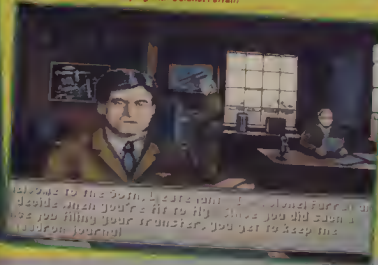
ceed the abilities of your plane and the engine splutters and the plane stalls. Remember, planes aren't cheap, and the CO won't be too chuffed if you bury yours in some French vineyard!

UPDATE

The version reviewed runs in one megabyte, but *Mirrorsoft* are releasing a half-meg Amiga *Wings* shortly after this version. ST and PC versions are to follow.



▼ *Best of British book-keeping with Colonel Ferrabi*



AMIGA

£29.99

Wow! This is fun! In fact, it's probably the most enjoyable Cinemaware game yet because you don't have to work out strategies, just get in the air and get blasting! The state-of-the-trucks section is great and the bombing mission is better than most Amiga up-the-screen shoot 'em ups, but the best bit is undoubtedly the 3D section, because it's just been so perfectly programmed. Away with complicated dials and gauges - just follow the pilot's nose to the enemy, then blow his wings off and watch his plane plummet downward. As usual, Cinemaware have sieved to get the game's atmosphere perfect, and the superb graphics, sampled aircraft sound effects and even the post-mission piano ditties really recreate the sights and sounds of the period. The game starts off quite easy, but with over 230 missions to fly *Wings* is going to keep even ace pilots entertained for many a happy hour.

PAUL GLANCEY

GRAPHICS	93%
SOUND	94%
VALUE	90%
PLAYABILITY	95%
OVERALL	94%

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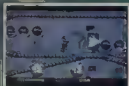
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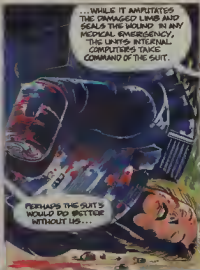
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JULY COMPOS

HOTLINE ONE - WIN A TON OF GAMES

ADRIAN CLARK from COLCHESTER is one chap who should be jumping up and down with glee at the moment! He's the lucky blazer who has won a ton-lilly worth of choice software for his Amiga!

HOTLINE TWO - WIN A PC ENGINE

Flip mal! If it isn't JONATHAN KEENE from SHEFFIELD who comes out tops with this one! His square, white wonder is in the post now!

HOTLINE THREE - WIN A GAMEBOY

PETER BLAKE from SOUTHAMPTON is a bit of a lucky fellow. He's the dude who has won one of Nintendo's handheld delight! Heve fun!

HOTLINE FOUR - WIN A MEGADRIVE

Carl! I wish I'd won this one, but I'm staid! It's a TONY CASE from SEVENOAKS who was on the case for this little compol

WIN A LOAD OF TURTLES GOODIES

Jaz was particularly marked at having to part with all that fabbo Turtle gear, but it's all gone to a good home, namely THOMAS RIGLEY of MERSEYSIDE. Look after it, Tom!

AUGUST COMPOS

HOTLINE ONE - WIN A MEGADRIVE

Another Megadrive? You got it! Well, maybe you haven't got it because CRAIG ROBINSON from LONDON has scooped the honours there. Well done Craig!

HOTLINE TWO - WIN A LYNX

Wowzers! I'll wager that SAM BARLOW from OSWESTRY is counting his lucky stars at the moment for he's the winner of this particular comp!

HOTLINE THREE - WIN A GAMEBOY

TIM EVANS of ROTHERHAM feels like a million dollars at the moment 'cos he's won this Gameboy that was up for grabs!

HOTLINE FOUR - WIN A PC ENGINE

CHRIS ALLEN whose home lies in the reach of WALTHAM ABBEY has won an honest-to-goodness, groovy-woovy PC ENGINE. How about a round of applause? All right, maybe not.

GUESS THE FREEBIE

Cooo-ee! Not a lot of you had much of an idea what the long wooden things were, did you? I've got one in front of me now and it's a bit of a giveaway from this angle! It's a train whistle at court! We had a pretty good left over some of the entries that we got, so the most laughably inaccurate also get a whistle too! Can't say I'm fairer than that, eh?

KEVIN WHITE, MANSFIELD. GRAYDON BARWICK (flick comba, eh!), CROSSPOOL. MIKA KORTELAIRE (he thought it was 'a tooth-atic'?!), FINLAND. JOSEPH CAHON (aren't they a bit small for Railway Carriage?), HORCHURCH. HICK REYNOLDS, SURREY. K L MAH, RAOCLIFFE. PAUL MOORE, STAMFORD. PAUL RAFFO, SHEFFIELD. BRUCE PHILIP, LINLITHGOW. JONATHAN HAOFIELD, KENT. BRIAN LITTLE, OLASOOW. TIM PROCTOR, THORNBURY. PAUL DAVIES, LUTON. MICHAEL BRUCE (a mahjong set!!!?), IRELAND. JOHN HIGGINS, LIVERPOOL. MARK BROWN, WALSALL. EDDIE JOHNS, ANGLESEY. JASON PRATT, W BROMWICH. BILL COPY, LONDON. PHILIP WAROE, YARMOUTH.

FLOOD COMPO

A rip-roaring, water-proof walkman up for grabs here, and it gives me great pleasure to announce that... CHRISTOPHER NEWTON of TAMWORTH gets the goods. Ten runners up packs will wing their way to...

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THE C+VG CHALLENGE

Got a couple of highscores in the tables? Think you're well 'srd with a joystick, do you? Bit of a tiashy git with a joystick, eh? Then here's your chance to push your skills to the max in the C+VG CHALLENGE! Every month, we'll be selecting a red-hot joystick jockey to boogie on down on an all-expenses paid trip to the C+VG offices in London, to challenge one of the C+VG team - Julian Rignall, Paul Glancey, Robert Swan or Richard Leadbetter - on his favourite game. So get practising - the C+VG boys are no alouches when it comes to playing games - and fill out your top scores on the form below. If they're good enough, they'll be entered into the C+VG Official Highscore Table, and if you're really good, you could be chosen to come to London to go up against one of the gang!

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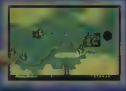
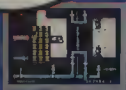
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HAMMERING HARRY

I am's first coin-op game since Legend of Hero Toms casts you as Hammering Harry, a mallet-wielding hero who must traverse six horizontally scrolling backgrounds bonking everything that gets in his way (oo-er).

There are plenty of enemies to bash, and each level has a huge guardian to destroy - pretty usual for this type of game, but it's so nicely executed, you can't help but thoroughly enjoy the action.

The graphics are truly excellent (although the version we played had a slightly wonky monitor, hence the weird background colours on the screenshots), and there are plenty of strange sprites and some superb touches. The music is also great - really wacky tunes and effects which really adding to the already humorous atmosphere.

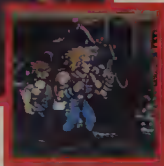
Hammering Harry is a very entertaining coin-op that's both addictive and fun. Look out for it next time you're in the arcade - it's well worth a go.

JULIAN RIGNALL



GRAPHICS	91%
SOUND	90%
VALUE	86%
PLAYABILITY	94%
OVERALL	91%

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COMBAT TRIBES

Technos are most famous for their Double Dragon games - so it's no surprise that their latest coin-op is another two-player beat 'em up. The story is very familiar, as you and a friend battle across a horizontally scrolling landscape infested with gangs of hoodlums who are out to smash your

fences in. Fortunately the heroes are adept at the old kung-fu bit and can kick, punch and even throw the baddies around!

The gameplay is fun for a while - there's certainly plenty of action - but the big problem is that there's nothing new on offer. It's so much like Double Dragon, I'm surprised the

manufacturers didn't call it Double Dragon III! The graphics are colourful and bright, almost like a cartoon, and the sound is pretty average, but I found myself getting bored after a few games. If you want to play a good beat 'em up, try Violence Fight first.

JULIAN RIGNALL

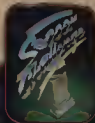
GRAPHICS	84%
SOUND	77%
VALUE	79%
PLAYABILITY	82%

OVERALL 80%

MicroStyle

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Andreas Brehme scores the winner, World Cup Final, July 1990. MicroStyle
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ARCADE



COLUMNS

Sega's Columns coin-op (the official Magadrive conversion of which is reviewed later on in this mag) is a strange sort of colour-switching game which mixes elements of Tetris and Klax.

Using a similar split screen display to arcade Tetris, one or two players simply have to stop their screens from completely filling up with ever-dropping blocks of coloured jewels by placing three of the same colours together either diagonally, horizontally or vertically, whereupon they disappear, and the remaining jewels drop into the gaps left behind. While all this is happening, a variety of soothing and very melodic tunes play away in the background. Weird!

This sort of machine never seems to go down well in the UK, us Brits seeming to be a race who likes to shoot or beat up things on a video screen rather than tax the old grey matter. But if you fancy giving yourself a relaxing, stress-reducing and very addictive (if you like puzzle-type games) cerebral workout, shove a couple of coins into this one and mellow out, men.

JULIAN RIGNALL

GRAPHICS	77%
SOUND	91%
VALUE	85%
PLAYABILITY	88%
OVERALL	87%



ARCADE HIGH SCORES

1942
16,220,960 Daniel Ellis (DAN), Bath, Avon
AFTERBURNER
30,211,000 David McCartney, Falkirk, Scotland
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ARCH RIVALS
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1,384,220 Peter Amor, Cleveland, Avon
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GEMINI WINGS

Welcome to the Official UK Arcade Highscore Table, where joystick jockeys display their record scores. If you're a coin-op superstar, don't just sit there - send in your achievements and let everyone know just how good you are! To bring yourself instant fame and fortune (well, not necessarily fortune), send your highcores to C+VG ARCADE HIGHSCORES, C+VG, PRIORY COURT, 30-32 FARRINGDON LANE, LONDON, EC1R 3AU.



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49,658,320 Martin Deem (MJD), Portsmouth
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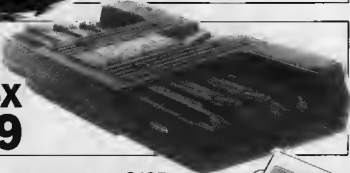
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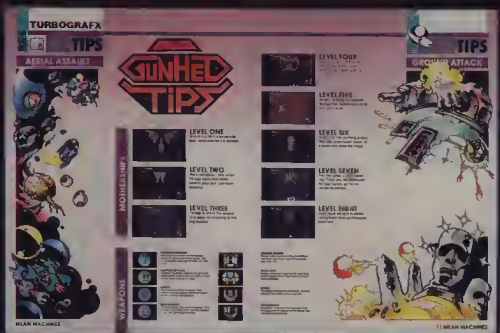
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- ☐ WORKING IN A PART-TIME JOB?
- ☐ WORKING IN A FULL-TIME JOB?
- ☐ UNEMPLOYED/RETIRED/NOT DOING ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR RIGHT NOW?

WHICH COMPUTER(S) DO YOU OWN AND PLAY GAMES ON?

- ☐ SPECTRUM
- ☐ COMMODORE 64
- ☐ AMSTRAD CPC
- ☐ AMIGA
- ☐ ATARI ST
- ☐ PC
- ☐ NINTENDO
- ☐ SEGA MASTER SYSTEM
- ☐ SEGA MEGADRIVE
- ☐ PC ENGINE
- ☐ GAME BOY
- ☐ LYNX
- ☐ OTHER

IF YOU TICKED 'OTHER', WHAT THE HECK DO YOU MEAN? WHICH MACHINE COULD YOU POSSIBLY HAVE, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD?

ARE YOU THINKING OF BUYING ANOTHER COMPUTER OR CONSOLE IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS OR SO, AND IF SO, WHICH ONE?

WHICH DO YOU THINK IS THE BEST GAME YOU HAVE EVER PLAYED ON YOUR COMPUTER?

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TYPE OF GAME?

- ☐ SHOOT 'EM UPS
- ☐ ARCADE ADVENTURES
- ☐ PUZZLE GAMES
- ☐ SPORTS SIMULATIONS
- ☐ FLIGHT/NAVAL/SPACE SIMULATIONS
- ☐ ROLE PLAYING GAMES
- ☐ SOMETHING ELSE, NAMELY: _____

HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU SPEND EVERY WEEK ON COMPUTER GAMES/HARDWARE/MAGAZINES?

- ☐ LESS THAN £5
- ☐ BETWEEN £5 AND £10
- ☐ BETWEEN £10 AND £25
- ☐ MORE THAN £25

WHAT DO YOU FIND HELPS MOST WHEN IT COMES TO DECIDING WHICH GAME OR WHAT EVER TO BUY?

- ☐ FRIEND'S RECOMMENDATION
- ☐ MAGAZINE REVIEW
- ☐ ADVERTISING
- ☐ MANUFACTURER'S/PROGRAMMER'S REPUTATION
- ☐ PRICE

WHICH OTHER MAGAZINES DO YOU BUY REGULARLY?

- ☐ ACE
- ☐ THE ONE
- ☐ COMMODORE USER
- ☐ SINCLAIR USER
- ☐ PC LEISURE
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- ☐ THE GAMES MACHINE
- ☐ ZZAP!
- ☐ CRASH
- ☐ YOUR SINCLAIR
- ☐ AMIGA FORMAT
- ☐ ST FORMAT
- ☐ COMMODORE FORMAT
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- ☐ NEW COMPUTER EXPRESS
- ☐ POPULAR COMPUTER WEEKLY
- ☐ NO OTHERS

SOME OTHER MAG CALLED: _____

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- ☐ SUBSCRIPTION

IF YOU DON'T ALREADY SUBSCRIBE, WOULD YOU CONSIDER IT IF WE GAVE YOU SOME KIND OF SPECIAL DEAL ON SOFTWARE?

- ☐ COR! YEAH!
- ☐ NO THANKS

HOW MANY PEOPLE USUALLY READ YOUR COPY OF C+VG?

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- ☐ ACE
- ☐ THE ONE
- ☐ COMMODORE USER
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- ☐ ST FORMAT
- ☐ COMMODORE FORMAT
- ☐ S
- ☐ NEW COMPUTER EXPRESS
- ☐ POPULAR COMPUTING WEEKLY
- ☐ NO OTHERS, BUT THANKS FOR ASKING

SOME OTHER MAG CALLED: _____

IF YOU DO READ OTHER MAGS, WHICH IS YOUR FAVOURITE, AND WHAT DO YOU THINK IS ITS BEST FEATURE?

HOW MANY OF THE LAST 12 ISSUES OF C+VG HAVE YOU BOUGHT?

DO YOU THINK C+VG HAS GENERALLY IMPROVED OVER THE PAST YEAR?

- ☐ CERTAINLY HAS
- ☐ STILL ABOUT THE SAME
- ☐ GONE DOWNHILL

ANY PARTICULAR REASON WHY YOU THINK IT'S IMPROVED OR DETERIORATED?

HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF C+VG FROM 0 (RUBBISH) TO TEN (EXCELLENT)?

- ☐ ☐ REVIEWS
- ☐ ☐ MEAN MACHINES
- ☐ ☐ UPDATE
- ☐ ☐ BUDGET
- ☐ ☐ ARCADE ACTION
- ☐ ☐ FEATURES (SUCH AS REVIEWS OF NEW COMPUTERS, CES SHOW REPORTS, ETC)
- ☐ ☐ NEWS
- ☐ ☐ PREVIEWS
- ☐ ☐ PLAYMASTERS
- ☐ ☐ YOB'S MAILBAG
- ☐ ☐ CHARTS
- ☐ ☐ THE CORPS
- ☐ ☐ COMPETITIONS
- ☐ ☐ HIGH SCORES
- ☐ ☐ CONTENTS PAGE

IS THERE ANY SECTION OF C+VG YOU WOULD GET RID OF, AND IF SO, WHICH?

FROM THIS LIST OF TOPICS, WHICH WOULD YOU OBJECT TO AND WHICH WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN C+VG TICK EITHER YES FOR THOSE YOU WANT OR NO FOR THOSE YOU DON'T. YES NO

- ☐ ☐ PROGRAMMER INTERVIEWS
- ☐ ☐ SOFTWARE HOUSE PROFILES
- ☐ ☐ BASIC TECHNICAL PROGRAMMING STUFF
- ☐ ☐ NEW TECHNOLOGY
- ☐ ☐ SINGLE GAME, IN-DEPTH PREVIEWS
- ☐ ☐ VIDEO/CINEMA REVIEWS
- ☐ ☐ COMICS
- ☐ ☐ GENERAL LEISURE ACTIVITIES FEATURES (EG THEME PARK GUIDE, PAINTBALL GAMES, ETC)

CAN YOU THINK OF ANY SUBJECTS NOT MENTIONED ABOVE WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE COVERED IN C+VG? (A FREE GAME GOES TO WHOEVER COMES UP WITH THE BEST SENSIBLE SUGGESTION)

ANY OTHER CHANGES YOU'D LIKE TO SEE?

DO YOU FIND YOU AGREE WITH C+VG'S RATINGS?

- ☐ YES, ALL THE TIME
- ☐ SOMETIMES
- ☐ RARELY

IF YOU DON'T ALWAYS AGREE WOULD YOU SAY THE RATINGS ARE USUALLY:

- ☐ TOO HIGH
- ☐ TOO LOW
- ☐ IT VARIES

HOW MUCH TEXT DO YOU THINK THE REVIEWS SHOULD CONSIST OF?

- ☐ MORE THAN CURRENTLY
- ☐ LESS THAN CURRENTLY
- ☐ STAY JUST AS THEY ARE

DO YOU GET ENOUGH INFORMATION FROM A C+VG REVIEW TO HELP IN A PURCHASING DECISION?

- ☐ NO, NEED MORE INFORMATION
- ☐ YES, ENOUGH INFORMATION

ARE THERE ENOUGH SCREEN SHOTS IN A C+VG REVIEW?

- ☐ NOPE, NEED MORE
- ☐ JUST ENOUGH
- ☐ TOO MANY - I'D RATHER HAVE THE SPACE FILLED WITH TEXT

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF C+VG'S COVERS

- ☐ GREAT
- ☐ OK
- ☐ HATE THEM

WHAT ABOUT C+VG'S PROMOTIONS (LAST YEAR'S HOLOPRE-VIEWS THE TURTLES POSTER AND THE STICKER BOOKLET)? DO YOU THINK THEY ARE:

- ☐ GREAT
- ☐ OK - QUITE A GOOD IDEA
- ☐ OF NO INTEREST TO ME

BEARING IN MIND THAT TAPES/DISKS/CARTRIDGES WERE OUT, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE GIVEN AWAY AS A FREE GIFT? (AGAIN, A SOFTWARE PRIZE TO WHOEVER COMES UP WITH THE BEST USABLE IDEA)

WHICH OF THE C+VG COMPLETE GUIDES TO CONSOLES HAVE YOU READ?

- ☐ VOLUME 1
- ☐ VOLUME 2
- ☐ VOLUME 3
- ☐ NONE OF THEM

IF YOU HAVE READ THEM WHAT DID YOU THINK?

- ☐ TERRIFIC
- ☐ OK
- ☐ DIDN'T LIKE THEM

APART FROM PLAYING COMPUTER GAMES, WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME?

- ☐ WATCH THE TELLY
- ☐ HIRE VIDEOS (AND WATCH THEM)
- ☐ LISTEN TO MUSIC
- ☐ READ
- ☐ GO OUT SHOPPING
- ☐ GO TO THE CINEMA
- ☐ GO TO CONCERTS
- ☐ ENGAGE IN SPORTING ACTIVITIES
- ☐ PROGRAM YOUR COMPUTER
- ☐ SOMETHING ELSE COMPLETELY, NAMELY

WHAT SORT OF MOVIES DO YOU LIKE?

- ☐ MODERN ACTION (EG RED HEAT)
- ☐ FANTASY (EG BATMAN)
- ☐ SCIENCE FICTION (EG ROBOCOP TOTAL RECALL, STAR TREK)
- ☐ HORROR (EG NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET SERIES)
- ☐ COMEDY (EG BIG, UNCLE BUCK, GHOSTBUSTERS)
- ☐ DRAMA (EG FIELD OF DREAMS)
- ☐ SOMETHING ELSE, NAMELY

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE MOVIE YOU'VE RECENTLY BEEN TO SEE, OR WANTED TO SEE AT THE CINEMA?

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE MOVIE YOU'VE SEEN RECENTLY ON VIDEO (IF YOU HAVE A VIDEO, THAT IS)?

WHAT SORT OF NOVELS DO YOU LIKE?

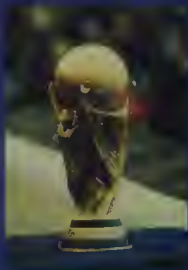
- ☐ ACTION
- ☐ FANTASY (LORD OF THE RINGS, SHANNARA SERIES)
- ☐ SCIENCE FICTION (HITCH-HIKERS GUIDE TO THE GALAXY, ETC)
- ☐ COMEDY
- ☐ HORROR (STEPHEN KING, OLIVE BARKER, JAMES HERBERT, ETC)
- ☐ SOMETHING ELSE, NAMELY

WHAT SORT OF MUSIC ARE YOU INTO?

AND WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE SINGER/BAND/WHATEVER AT THE MOMENT?



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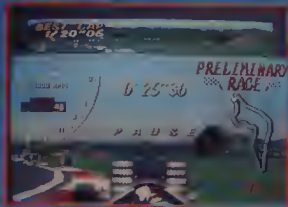
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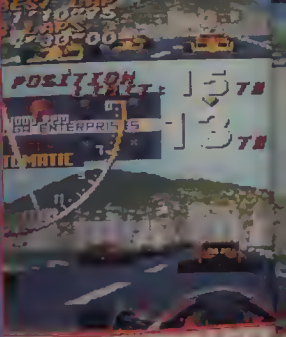


After one blinkin' long wait (due to major problems with Sega in Japan) the Megadrive version of Super Monaco GP is here! Unlike the Sega Master System version (reviewed last issue), this is a conversion of the totally spandicious coin-op that had jaws dropping like 16 ton weights when it appeared in the arcade.

The aim of the game is to race around the top circuits of the world, pushing your fleshy Formula 1 motor to its very limits. You can equip

your car with either an automatic gearbox (which is easy to handle, but the car moves like a Skoda), a normal four-speed box, or a honking seven-speed gearbox which is a real pig to control, but leaves everything else for dead!

Before taking part in a race, you must qualify for a position on the starting grid (this is also dead handy for testing out your skills for the race to come. The action is seen from the driver's point of



LAP	TIME	DRIVER
1ST	1' 19" 40	10
2ND	1' 02" 70	
3RD	1' 08" 60	
TOTAL	3' 30" 70	15

BY SEGA

SUPER MONACO

NAME: RINDIE 888
ENGINE: SEGA-SOYUD 08
MAX POWER: 600



DRIVER
NAME: YOU
NATIONALITY: YOUR COUNTRY
DRIVER'S POIN



WARNING!!

view with a top view mirror at the top of the screen giving you an idea of what's coming up behind. Once you've qualified, the race begins proper with you given a "last place" marker if your position drops below the marker, it's game over. Manage to stay within the limit for the race, and your prowess will be displayed for all to see on the high score table.

Before you start gibbering too much, there's more as well as the main game: you get an additional World Championship game in which you can challenge 16 different drivers to races all over the world.

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...vent Games will make the modification free of charge when you buy Super Monaco from them. Call them on 0831 469293 for further info. Thanks to Shekhona Computer Supplies of Wood Green (081 889 9412) who were kind enough to lend us the Super Monaco GP cart for this review.

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Although the Master System game was totally different from the coin-op, it still remains the best Sega game yet. Now the Megadrive version is here, it literally blows away every other racing game on any console! Almost identical to its arcade parent (apart from a slight difference in the track layout), the only real thing missing is an abundance of roadside landmarks - but it doesn't detract from the game in the slightest. The graphics in all respects are the same as the arcade, and we are talking ultra fast! The scrolling is as smooth as silk, and roaring around chicanes at 260 km/h is gut-churning to the extreme. The sound is pretty meaty, but the speech sounds like someone gurgling on hydrochloric acid! The playability is spot on, and the car handles just as it should, spinning and screeching it pushed too far. With the addition of the World Championship, there's more than enough to keep any budding Nelson Piquet going for more than many a moon. If there's one game that could persuade anyone to shell out for a Megadrive, it's this one. Miss it at your peril!

ROBERT SWAN

GRAPHICS	96%
SOUND	89%
VALUE	95%
PLAYABILITY	94%
OVERALL	95%





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The Linford Christies of
this world make their way
straight to the 100m track,
where (unsurprisingly really)
their aim is simply to sprint
down it as fast as their legs
will carry them! Sega owners
can join in by beating the hell
out of their joy-pad buttons.

The complete and utter
show-offs usually end up at
the diving pool, where their
general objective is to im-
press the judges by pulling
off particularly impressive
moves like triple back flips
and reverse inward dives.
Other water-lovers get their
kicks (and their points) in the
100m freestyle. A steady
rhythm must be built up in
order to keep your little
swimming character on
course for a gold (or eternal
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After the water-based
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It looks as though the
Epyx Games series has
just gone downhill all the
way after the opening bril-
liance of California
Games. It's not as if Sum-
mer Games had that
much to live up to - the
C64 version wasn't that
technically accom-
plished. The original's
graphics and gameplay
were brilliant for their
time, though, and since
the Sega out-spaced the
C64 in the visual stakes I
was expecting something
better than the hobbling,
retarded sprits and
poorly defined backdrops
that we've got here. The
sound fits the bill ade-
quately with plenty of tunes
but there isn't that much
in the way of sound ef-
fects. As for the game-
play... Well, where's it
gone? Events like pole
vaulting and gymnastics
seem more down to luck
than anything else. What
skill is required in events
such as the diving won't
keep you at the Sega for
long. The smoothness
and polish of the C64
events seem to have
deserted this conversion,
and I find it hard to recom-
mend this lacking effort at
all.

RICHARD
LEADBETTER

GRAPHICS	47%
SOUND	65%
VALUE	45%
PLAYABILITY	44%
OVERALL	47%

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► PC ENGINE

MEAN MACHINES

BY NAMCOT

SPLATTERHOUSE

It's pitch black and there's a storm outside. Rain is beating down and the sky is sporadically lit up with shards of lightning (cue Twilight Zone music). It's a good thing that you're inside in the warm - or is it? You've stumbled into the Splatterhouse - the stomping ground of just about every ghoul and zombie that you can imagine and much more besides!

The Splatterhouse and its grounds is divided into six horizontally scrolling stages, through which you must guide your character (who bears a remarkable resemblance to Friday the 13th's Jason!), disposing of every demonic minion you may stumble across.

Thankfully though, there are plenty of weapons lying around that our masked hero can pick up. A sturdy plank is good enough to dispose of some of the lesser ghouls, and a well-placed spenner fits the bill as far as zombie exorcism is concerned. There's even a mallet that's just the business for despatching some of the gorier

and-of-level nasties you're ever likely to find in a video game!

Each level is split up into a number of sub-stages. In amongst the scrolling sieges you could find yourself trapped in a claustrophobic room, and you'll have to butcher just about everything supernatural to escape - that includes slimy worms (uuurrrr), crazy cutlery and in one case, even the furniture is out to get you!

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A sizeable "thank you" to Spectresoft of Covent Garden (0631 469293) for the loan of the Splatterhouse cart.



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Crikey! This is a real "gore-may" beat 'em up! What really makes it a cut above other Engine beat 'em ups is the truly revolting visuals - even more disgusting than some of the publichous in Birmingham (yes, that bad!). Your main character is superbly animated and all the moves from the coin-op original have been incorporated, even down to disposing zombies by batting them up against a wall (check out the splurgy enroute left behind!) Some of the end-of-level bosses are simply astounding - the chainsaw wielding maniac is awesome, and he's even accompanied by a dantist's drill noise! You won't complete this game in too much of a hurry either. The difficulty level is set just right allowing some progress on every attempt. What we're dealing with here is a roaringly good conversion, which stands up as a terrific Engine game in its own right. Make sure it's on the top of your shopping list.

RICHARD
LEADBETTER

GRAPHICS	93%
SOUND	90%
VALUE	92%
PLAYABILITY	93%
OVERALL	92%

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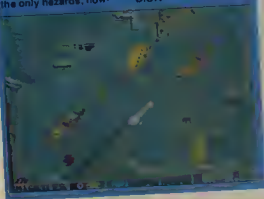
PREVIEW

BADLANDS TENGEN

This futuristic chapter of the Super Sprint saga appeared in arcades not so long ago, and pretty flippin' good it was, too. The object - burn around eight different and deadly race tracks, filled with old wrecks, moving barriers, viaducts, rubble from crumbling buildings, and falling power lines which try your car into a crisp! These aren't the only hazards, how-

ever, as the opposition are busy trying to blast you into shrapnel as well! From these Amiga and ST screenshots, it all looks pretty juicy, but we'll give you the full details in a future issue.

RELEASE: AMIGA ST
PC SPECTRUM AM-
STRAD C64, NOVEMBER
PRICE: PC £24.99, ST
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£9.99 CASS, £14.99
DISK



TEAM SUZUKI GREMLIN

Not content with one racer, Gremlin are currently working on a motorbike simulation based on the Grand Prix Suzuki 500. It's a mixture of bitmap and filled vector graphics, and believe us - it's flippin' fast. The game takes place over a complete Grand Prix season, with all the things

you'd expect from something of this nature. Even at this stage, the bike handles as you'd expect it to with clutch and gear change controls, all sorts of various viewpoints (off or on the bike) and action replays aplenty. Watch out next issue, when we'll be giving you the exclusive and best review going - only in C+VG.

RELEASE: AMIGA ST,
EARLY DECEMBER
PRICE: £24.99

LOTUS ESPRIT TURBO SE CHALLENGE GREMLIN

Self-confessed boy racer, Jaz, took a lovely Lotus Esprit out for a spin in a recent price do sponsored by Gremlin, to promote their new racer. Now all you potential motorway maniacs will soon have the chance to do the same, with Lotus Esprit Challenge. A split screen view (that's why it's called 'challenge'!) shows both cars, which tear around meekie tracks filled with twists,



turns, hills and straightaways in order to win a race and progress to the next round. We've had a good look at the Amiga version, and to say it's

fast takes severe understatement. The graphics are mouth-watering, and the sheer amount of technical information put into this game en-



sure this should be one stonking good game. Watch for a full review next issue!

RELEASE: ST AMIGA
SPECTRUM C64 AM-



SHADOW OF THE BEAST GREMLIN

When this first appeared a year ago on the Amiga (on the Paygnosis label), this game caused a lot of fuss - beautiful graphics, amazing sound but extremely limited and highly repetitive gameplay. The story was that you, as a child, were kidnapped by the evil Beast Magee and transformed into a creature of hideous appearance, with awesome

power. Now you've discovered the truth, and want vengeance. Now Beast is ready to spring onto the Amstrad and Spectrum, and from what we've seen, looks pretty damned amazing, even by 8 bit standards. parallax scrolling. Indeed! This big question remains, what about the playability? That's yet to be seen, but rest assured, as soon as we know, you will too.

RELEASE: SPECTRUM AMSTRAD, OCTOBER
PRICE: CASS £12.99
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E-SWAT US GOLD

We've seen the fab Megadrive version, and the not-so-fab Sega Master version. Now, US Gold have grabbed the computer license to Sega's natty coin-op E-SWAT, otherwise known as Cyber Police. You (and an optional friend, if you have any optional friends, that is) have to clear up Cyber City, terminating thugs and crooks with extreme prejudice (yeshh). After two levels of such fun and games, you earn your stripes, and the much-prized E-SWAT armour, and set out again, armed to the teeth. As you can see from these exclusive early screens on the C64 and Amiga, things are progressing nicely. With the Creative Metarials team (ROTOX, Operation Harrier) behind all this, we think this should be one hum-dinger of a game.



RELEASE: ST AMIGA
SPECTRUM AMSTRAD C64, END OF NOVEMBER
PRICE: TBA (PROBABLY ST AMIGA £19.99, SPECTRUM AMSTRAD C64 £9.99)



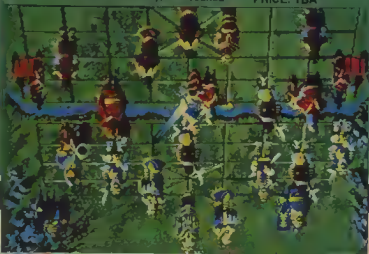
BATTLE CHESS II ELECTRONIC ARTS

Crikey O'Reilly, another EA title! Battle Chess II, the sequel to the best-

selling interplay title (as if you hadn't guessed), should be out and about real soon now, and - according to the press blurb - centres around Chinese Chess, an oriental counterpart of the normal game. Quite frankly, it all sounds

Greek to us, but it looks nice, doesn't it? All will be revealed at a later date, so see a wise man once said, stick with us, true believers!

RELEASE: TBA
(PROBABLY AMIGA, ST, PC, C64)
PRICE: TBA



STRAD, END OF OCTOBER
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MOON WALKER

SEGA
Asow! He's back! You can't keep a man and his chimp down, so Michael Jackson is back, to save the children of this world from the clutches of the evil Mr Big (scream)! What this means is an excuse for a rather large multi-level platform extravaganza,

featuring our Mika (and his naffin' chimp) who prencee about, dishing out Mr Big's cronies. As you can see from the screenshots, it all looks like a lotta fun, but as for the gameplay, keep reading - we'll be bringing you a full review next issue!

RELEASE: MEGA-DRIVE, SEPTEMBER
PRICE: £39.00



NEVERENDING STORY 2

LINEL
This film certainly lives up to its name, because just when you thought the magical land of Fantasia was saved from the evil "Nothing" in the first installment, back it

comes in the company of an evil witch for the second. Once again you play Baetien, a boy with a mission to retrieve the disappearing lendeceps, with the help of Felkor, the Luck Dragon and Al-

reyu, the man with the funny name. Linel's interpretation of the film (the first foreign film to get a royal premiere, incidentally) is in the form of a multi-part arcade adventure in which Baetien has to fight giants, ride

horses, climb towers and collect the spells which will do over the top battle in the game's climax. Ooh, indeed! **RELEASE: ST AMIGA, PC SPECTRUM, AMSTRAD, OCTOBER.**
PRICES: TBA



THE IMMORTAL ELECTRONIC ARTS

(again)
Remember Will Harvey? He was the guy responsible for the conversions of Marble Madness, one of the tsams' all-time fava ravas and EA's corking Zany Golf. This is his latest piece of work, a 3D perspective fantasy adventure, with the player taking the part of a wizard search-

ing for his mentor. As you'd expect, though, lots and lots of beasts, monsters and other wickedness will try to stop you, but you have a few magic tricks up your sleeve, too. Paul Glancey, that dabonair man about town, had a snazzy peek at it a little while ago, and verily, he was impressed muchly. Watch out for a full review next issue.
RELEASE: ST AMIGA, SEPTEMBER
PRICE: £24.99





STORMOVIK ELECTRONIC ARTS

Electronic Arts' Stormovik is a first-person shooter set in the Soviet Union, where a group of commandos are sent to eliminate a group of terrorists. The game is set in a dark, industrial environment, and the player's character is a Soviet commando. The game is a first-person shooter, and the player's character is a Soviet commando. The game is a first-person shooter, and the player's character is a Soviet commando.

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POWER- MONGER ELECTRONIC ARTS

There's no keeping a good Bullfrog down, we always say. And so if to prove it, those wild n' wacky Bullfrog boys,

fresh from their success with Flood, are ready to unleash their latest, and possibly greatest game to date - Powermonger. Looking somewhat like a massively enhanced version of Populous (no bad thing by any means), Powermonger should be just as suc-

cessful as its predecessor, if not mind-bogglingly more so, so watch out for a review in a future ish - this is one we sweat with bated breath (and clenched elbow).
RELEASE: ST AMIGA PC, TBA
PRICE: TBA (PROBABLY £24.99 ALL VERSIONS)



JAMES POND - UNDER- WATER AGENT

MILLENNIUM

Holy mackerel, cod you believe it? When danger threatens the icy deep, it's time for James Pond, Underwater Agent, to get his skates on. He's a well-had dock with a mission, and he's completely environmentally friendly (or so the saying goes). Thing is, several oil tankers, carrying radioactive materials, have been holed, and it's your job to ensure the safety



of the underwater denizens, whilst fighting off myriad hordes of bad guys! Sounds all rather fishy (hurrh!) to us, but we'll throw you a hook, line and maybe even a sinker real soon, so

makes sure you're in the right place (any more of those fish jokes and you're fired - ED).
RELEASE: ST AMIGA, END OF OCTOBER
PRICE: £24.99

ROBOCOP II

BY OCEAN

Robocop is back! That half-man, half-machine, anti-cop hero returns once again to right wrong and kick some criminal ass in the blockbuster movie, *Robocop II*. And just like they did with the first film, Ocean have snapped up the rights to produce a computer game version.

The action is set over a variety of levels, featuring horizontally scrolling platforms and ladders screens, an Operation Wolf-style shooting gallery, plus bonus levels in the form of sliding-block puzzles and a safe-cracking scene, very similar in concept to the balcave Nintendo version.



chemical analysis puzzle in the *Belman* game.

The graphics are excellent, the sound is very good, with plenty of meaty effects and a good rendition of the movie title tune, and playability is very high - Ocean have spent a lot of time tweaking the gameplay for maximum enjoyment.

Robocop II is one of the biggest-selling titles of recent years (it stayed in the charts for well over twelve months) *Special FX's* Amiga gems.

and Ocean think that they'll repeat that success with *Robocop III*! It's certainly a better game than the first - so they might just be right...

JULIAN RIGNALL

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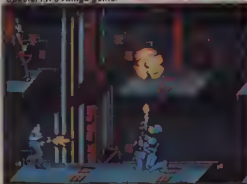
Robocop II is out on Amiga, ST, Spectrum, C64 and Amstrad Console in November. The Nintendo version won't be out until later on next year - we'll keep you posted.

THE FILM

The film is set once again in a Detroit of the future, and once again criminals are causing major problems. Nuke, an incredibly addictive drug is being sold on the streets and the drug barons are getting rich. Time for *Robocop* to burst onto the scene and deal out some lead-lined law and order.

But it's not all plain sailing since the evil OCP Corporation are again up to more hi-

jinks in the form of the *Robocop II* project, a giant mechanical creature codenamed Kane, designed to replace *Robocop* (and Ed-209!). It's an evil looking creature which has more arms than an octopus and carries more weaponry than an average army. And when it goes bonkers and decides to eliminate the original *Robocop*, our blond bobby has his work cut out trying to keep the peace and save his metal skin!

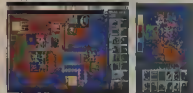




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